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One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Sessions.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions, held in Danville, Montour county, Pennsylvania, in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-One. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the nineteenth and closed on the afternoon of the twenty-fifth day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened according to appointment in Shiloh Reformed church, in Danville, Pa., on Wednesday, October 19, A. D. 1881, at 7: 30, P. M. After the Session was opened with religious service, the sermon was preached by the president, Rev. A. S. Leinbach, from 1 Cor. 2: 14: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers: T. O. Stem, Thos. C. Porter,* D. D., and Isaac K. Loos.

Elders: Sam'l N. Bachman* and Jeremiah Lynn.*

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers: F. W. Dechant, John O. Johnson, J. W. Steinmetz, M. L. Fritch,** P. Y. Shelly,* H. A. Keyser,** and H. Mosser.†*

Elders: Sol. Hartman,* Jas. T. Reber,* Charles Kantner, Charles Bohner** and J. S. Guldin.*

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers: John H. Sechler, D. E. Klopp, D. D., J. D. Detrich, Geo. S. Sorber* and A. B. Stoner.

 The figure at the end of the name indicates the day of the sessions on which the delegate took his seat.

D indicates the fourth day, *e* the fifth, *f* the sixth day on which the delegate thus marked obtained leave of absence.

* Rev. John P. Stein, secundus, occupied the seat of Rev. H. A. Keyser, primarius, before his arrival.

† Rev. A. S. Leinbach, secundus, occupied the seat of Rev. H. Mosser, primarius, before his arrival.

Elders: Jacob G. Brown,⁴ Jones Detweiler, Wm. K. Gresh and Wm. Brownback.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers: J. A. Peters, C. S. Gerhard, G. W. Snyder, L. F. Zinkhan¹ and J. H. Dubbs, D. D.

Elders: J. J. Nissley,^{1,4} Geo. W. Hensel, Christian Gast and B. F. Bausman.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers: L. K. Evans⁴ and L. J. Mayer.

Elders: A. K. Lorah.*

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers: Thos. J. Barclay, Sol. B. Schafer,⁴ John K. Millet² and Z. A. Yearick.⁴

Elders: Charles Hartzel, J. B. Leinbach and John K. Haas,² Roger Hendricks.²

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers: Geo. P. Hartzell, Isaac S. Stahr, Daniel M. Wolff² and S. Sidney Kohler.*⁴

Elders: Jacob Dunkle, Jonas Hoy and Samuel Messerly.

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

Ministers: H. J. Welker, N. Z. Snyder and Jacob Kehm.

Elders: Jacob Hess,* Richard Deemer and Wm. Hunt.

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

Ministers: N. S. Strassburger, I. E. Graeff and Thos. N. Reber.*

Elders: Daniel Oswald, David Lutz and R. H. Kramm.⁴

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following were present during one or more sessions of Synod:—

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania—Revs. D. F. Brendle, D. Y. Heisler.

From the Classis of Lebanon—Revs. A. S. Leinbach, T. S. Johnston, D. D., J. P. Stein.

From the Classis of Philadelphia—Revs. P. S. Davis, D. D., C. G. Fisher.

From the Classis of Lancaster—Revs. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Theo. Appel, D. D.

From the Classis of East Susquehanna—Revs. O. S. Strunk, P. S. Kohler, G. B. Dechant, D. O. Shoemaker, Thos. J. Hacker.

From the Classis of West Susquehanna—Rev. Joshua H. Derr.

* Rev. Joshua H. Derr, secundus, occupied the seat of Rev. S. Sidney Kohler before his arrival.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced at different intervals during the Sessions:

From the Presbyterian Church—Revs. R. L. Stewart, John Johnson.

From the Evangelical Lutheran Church—Revs. J. H. Early, J. R. Groff, M. S. Shindel.

From the Methodist Episcopal Church—Revs. Max Lentz, I. H. Torrence.

From the Evangelical Association—Rev. E. Hornberger.

From the Baptist Church—Rev. G. P. Street.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John W. Steinmetz was chosen *President*.

Rev. L. F. Zinkhan was chosen *Corresponding Secretary*.

Rev. John P. Stein was chosen *Stated Clerk*.

Elder John J. Nissley was re-elected *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the first six pews from the chancel.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions:

Morning Session to open at 9 and close at 11:30 A. M.

Afternoon Session to open at 2 and close at 4:30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Minutes of Synod: Revs. J. H. Derr, L. F. Zinkhan, L. J. Mayer; Elders D. Lutz, Will. K. Gresh, Richard Deemer.

Overtures: Revs. A. B. Stoner, H. J. Welker, D. W. Dechant; Elders Dan'l Oswald, S. N. Bachman, S. Hartman.

Correspondence with Sister Churches: Revs. J. D. Detrich, D. W. Dechant, J. S. Stahr; Elders Jas. Dunkle, Jones Detweiler, S. N. Bachman.

Minutes of Classes: Revs. J. H. Sechler, G. W. Snyder, Geo. P. Hartzell; Elders J. G. Brown, G. W. Hensel, Sam'l Measerly,

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination: Revs. T. C. Porter, D. D., N. S. Strassburger, Jos. H. Dubbs, D. D.; Elders Richard Deemer, Jonas Hoy, A. K. Lorah.

State of Religion and Statistical Report: Revs. D. E. Klopp, D. D., J. Kehm, T. N. Reber; Elders Jacob Hess, W. Brownback, B. F. Bausman.

Theological Seminary: Revs. C. S. Gerhard, T. J. Barkley, E. Graeff; Elders Christ, Gast, J. B. Leinbach, Jeremiah Lynn.

Missions: Revs. I. K. Loos, L. K. Evans, A. S. Leinbach; Elders Chas. Kantner, Jones Detweiler, C. Gast.

Finance: Revs. T. O. Stem, George S. Sorber, J. K. Millet; Elders W. K. Gresh, G. W. Hensel, Charles Startzel.

Nominations: Revs. J. A. Peters, J. O. Johnson, J. H. Sechler; Elders J. T. Reber, S. Hartman, A. K. Lorah.

Publications: Revs. N. S. Strassburger, S. B. Schaefer, N. Z. Snyder; Elders J. S. Brown, J. T. Reber, B. F. Bausman.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1.) The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon and Lehigh, were received, and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

2.) The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3.) The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

4.) The Annual Report of the Board of Publication, and the Report of the Committee to superintend the publication of the Reformirte Hausfreund were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

5.) The Minutes of the last Triennial Sessions of the General Synod were received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

6.) Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Minutes of the last Annual Sessions were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod. To the same Committee were also referred the Minutes of the General Synod, held in May last, in Tiffin, Ohio.

This Committee submitted the following report, which was taken up, item by item, amended and adopted. This report is as follows:—

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes report the following items claiming the attention of this Synod:

I. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Item 1, p. 3. General Synod met in Tiffin, Ohio, May, 1881. Sessions commencing on the evening of the 18th, and closing on the 25th. The officers of Synod are: Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., President; Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Stated Clerk; Mr. Wm. D. Gross, Treasurer.

Item 2, p. 50. General Synod commends the cause of Home Missions to the District Synods and their Boards, requesting the taking of action to increase the activity and efficiency of the Church in this work.

Item 3, p. 50. General Synod repeats its request, that the Board of the District Synods report to the Board of the General Synod at least one month before its triennial meeting.

Item 4, p. 50. Each District Synod is requested to furnish a copy of its annual minutes to General Synod's Board.

Item 5, p. 101. General Synod earnestly requests the Synods and Classes to take action with reference to orphans' homes.

Item 6, p. 111. Amendments to the Constitution, sent down to Classes, were declared adopted.

Item 7, p. 112. Synods and Classes are requested carefully to examine the revised Constitution, as published in the Minutes of General Synod, and to give an expression of opinion on certain proposed changes in our practical church government.

Item 8, p. 159. The addition of a column to the present statistical table, giving the estimated saluation of the church property of the several congregations and charges of the church, is recommended.

Item 9, p. 167. General Synod apportions to the Synod of the United States as its portion of the expenses of General Synod \$1,080.00.

Item 10, p. 167. This Synod is requested to make immediate payment of a balance of \$340.00 due the Treasurer of General Synod.

Item 11, p. 168. The District Synods are to see to paying their respective shares of a claim due George Gelbach.

Item 12, p. 170. The next triennial General Synod meets in the Third Reformed Church of Baltimore, Maryland, on the Wednesday before the second Sunday of May, A. D. 1884, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

II. MINUTES OF SYNOD IN UNITED STATES.

Item 13, p. 26. The Treasurer of the Theological Seminary was instructed to pay Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D., his salary as Secretary of the Board of Visitors.

Item 14, p. 42. The attention of the Classes of East Pennsylvania and Lebanon is called to the fact of their paying missionaries without orders from the Board of Missions.

Item 15, p. 43. Classes are requested promptly to pay their assessments to the Washington Mission Fund.

Item 16, p. 49. Classes are referred to assessments to Contingent and Sinking Fund.

Item 17, p. 50. The Treasurer of Synod is instructed to pay the expenses of the Hymn Book Committee.

Item 18, p. 50. Delinquent Classes are urged to pay up.

Item 19, p. 51. Synod requests Classes to see to it that its ministers furnish full and accurate reports from every pastoral charge.

Item 20, p. 52. Synod requests all Classes within its bounds, to take such measures, as in their judgment may seem proper to remedy the evils connected in some localities with Sunday-school celebrations.

Item 21, p. 56. The Revs. Geo. Wolff, D. D., Isaac K. Loos and J. S. Van-

deraloot were appointed by the Synod as a Committee of Conference with similar committees from the Synods of Pittsburgh and Potomac with reference to plans for promoting the success of the publication operations.

Item 22, p. 56. The Committee charged with the duty of preparing, in conjunction with a similar committee of the Synod of the Potomac, Hymns for the Reformed Church with music attached, was continued with instructions to complete their work at as early a day as possible.

Item 23, p. 56. The Stated Clerk was instructed with reference to the publication and distribution of the Minutes.

Item 24, p. 58. Goshenhoppen Classis was respectfully requested to take the case of David Y. Schaub into consideration afresh, with a view of re-licensing him, under certain circumstances named.

Item 25, p. 59. It was made the duty of the President and Secretary of this Synod to convey through the Corresponding Secretary the Christian greetings of this Synod to the widows of the Rev. James R. Riley and Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach.

Respectfully submitted,

REVS. J. H. DERR,	} Committee.
" L. F. ZINKHAN,	
" L. J. MAYER,	
ELDERS D. LUTZ,	
" WM. K. GRESH,	
" RICH'D DEEMER,	

In regard to the items 1, 3 and 6, they were simply adopted. For the results of the action reported on items 2 and 4 see Article XIV, Missions. On items 5 and 25 see Article XXI, Miscellaneous. On items 7 and 8 see Article XX, Church Government. On items 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17 and 18 see Article XV, Finance. On item 12 see Article XVI, Appeals and References. On item 13 see Article XIII, Theological Seminary. On items 14, 19, 20 and 24 see Article X, Minutes of Classes. On items 21, 22 and 23 see Article XIX, Publication.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The following report was received from the Committee on Overtures, taken up item by item and adopted.

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to submit the following report:

Item 1. A communication from the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, containing a statement of the condition of the Institution.

Item 2. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary of Pittsburgh Synod:

a) Naming certain persons as nominees for election as members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

b) Stating that Elder W. E. Schmertz was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

c) Stating that Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D., was re-elected by the Synod of Pittsburgh as Missionary Superintendent.

Item 3. A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Synod of the Reformed Church in U. S., reporting a resolution of that Board, requesting Synod to pay the collections taken at the missionary meetings held

during the present sessions of Synod to the Treasurer of the Board for the relief of its missionaries.

Item 4. A letter from the President of the Board of Trustees of Synod.—1. Stating whose term of office expires and when.—2. Reporting a resolution of the Board at its late meeting calling the special attention of Synod to that part of the Treasurer's report which relates to the arrearages of certain Classes on Synodical Apportionments for Contingent and Sinking Funds.

Item 5. A Report of the Superintendent of Missions.

Item 6. A Report of the late Treasurer, Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., of the Board of Education of the Synod of Reformed Church of the U. S.,—rendered by Rev. Charles G. Fisher.

Item 7. Report of the Treasurer of Home Missions.

Item 8. Report of the Committee on Hymn Book with Music.

Item 9. A letter from the Corresponding Secretary of Northern Illinois Classis, praying the privilege of sending a financial agent into the territory of Synod to collect funds for the purpose of erecting a college in Forreston, Ill.

Item 10. A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions (Tri-Synodic) putting Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D., and H. Mosser in nomination for the office of Missionary Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. A. B. STONER,	} Committee.
" H. J. WELKER,	
" F. W. DECHANT,	
ELDERS DANIEL OSWALD,	
" S. N. BACHMAN,	
" SOL. HARTMAN,	

For the action of Synod on items 1 and 9 see Article XXI, Miscellaneous. On items 2, 4 and 10 to Committee on Nominations. On items 3, 5 and 7 see Article XIV, Missions. On item 6 see Article XIII, Theological Seminary. On item 8 see Article XIX, Publication.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The following report was received from the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, and adopted :

Your Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches have had no documents placed in their hands and no delegates have been appointed by this Synod to correspond with any of the sister churches, owing to the resolution of the Lutheran Ministerium, which is printed on page 40 of the Minutes of the said Ministerium. See record of said resolution in Minutes of Synod of United States, on the 10th page. And further, on the same page, a resolution of the Synod of the United States at Meyerstown discontinuing such interchange between sister denominations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. DETRICH,
F. W. DECHANT,
I. S. STAHE,
JACOB DUNKLE,
JONES DETWEILER.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, amended, and adopted.

The report, as adopted, is as follows:—

To the Synod of the United States :

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to offer the following report :

The Minutes of the different Classes were placed in our hands, and from said Minutes we have gleaned the following items which claim the action of Synod :

I. Irregularities.

1. The Stated Clerk of E. Penna. Classis incorrectly reports that the next annual meeting of said Classis will be held in 1881. (p. 4.)

2. The Minutes of E. Penna. Classis are irregular, because the Committee on Ordination and Installation fails to state that it ordained *Licentiate* J. W. Mabry. (p. 15.)

3. The Stated Clerk of E. Penna. Classis fails to number all the pages of the Classical Minutes.

4. The Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis fails to state in the call for a special meeting, held Dec. 14, 1880, whence and by whom the call was issued. (p. 1.)

5. The Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis fails to state in the call for a special meeting held Feb. 21, 1881, the year in which, whence, and by whom the call was issued. (p. 3.)

6. The Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis fails to recognize the synodical relation of Mercersburg Classis. (pp. 9, 10.)

7. The Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis fails to append the names of the Committee, or name of the Chairman of the Committee, to the report of the Committee on Overtures. (p. 11.)

8. The Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis commits an irregularity in including both the items and action on the items, in the simple statement that "The following report was submitted," in the case of the reports of the Committees on Overtures, Minutes of Synod, Minutes of Classis, and Finance.

9. The Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis commits an irregularity in appending the name of the Chairman of the Committee, to the report and action on the items in the report, in the case of the reports on the Committees on Overtures, Minutes of Synod, Minutes of Classis and Finance.

10. The Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis fails to notice any action on the part of Lebanon Classis in reference to the report of the Committee of Missions. (pp. 22, 23.)

11. The Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis uses the term East Susquehanna Classis when West Susquehanna should be used. (Item 18, p. 11.)

12. The Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis fails to state the year in recording the time of the next Annual Meeting of Classis. (p. 30.)

13. The Minutes of Philadelphia Classis are incomplete because a Committee provided for in a resolution, was not appointed. (p. 40.)

14. The Stated Clerk of Lancaster Classis fails to mention either the state or the county, in giving the name of the next Annual Meeting. (p. 37.)

15. The Stated Clerk of Lancaster Classis fails to recognize the synodical relations of Mercersburg Classis. (pp. 38, 45.)

16. The Stated Clerk of East Susquehanna Classis fails to state that Bro. Metzgar was dismissed to Lebanon Classis. (p. 3.)

17. The Stated Clerk of East Susquehanna Classis fails to state what members of the Committee were present at the ordination of Bro. Strunk. (p. 27.)

18. The Stated Clerk of East Susquehanna Classis fails to state that *Licentiate* O. H. Strunk was ordained. (p. 20.)

19. The Stated Clerk of East Susquehanna Classis fails in giving the name of the place of the next Annual Meeting to mention either the state or the county. (p. 58.)

20. The Stated Clerk of East Susquehanna Classis incorrectly reports that the next Annual Meeting will be held in 1881. (p. 58.)

21. The Stated Clerk of East Susquehanna Classis fails to recognize the synodical relation of both Zion's and Allegheny Classis. (pp. 3, 16.)

22. The Stated Clerk of West Susquehanna Classis fails to recognize the synodical relations of Iowa Classis. (p. 7.)

23. The Stated Clerk of West Susquehanna Classis gives an incomplete record because he fails to append the names of the Committee, or of the Chairman of the Committee, to the reports of the Standing Committees, on Overtures, Religious Services, Minutes of Synod, Missions, Ex., Lic., and Ord., and Finance,—and to the reports of Special Committee on Spring Mills' Petition, and on Request for Aid from Williamsport. (p. 30.)

24. The Minutes of West Susquehanna Classis record the appointment of a per-caput tax Committee, (p. 19), but nowhere state that any report was received from the said Committee.

25. The Stated Clerk of West Susquehanna Classis fails to record the names of the Delegates to the Synod of the U. S. elected at the last Annual Meeting of Classis. (p. 29.)

26. The Stated Clerk of Goshenhoppen Classis fails to append the names of the Committee, or of the Chairman of the Committee, to the report of the Committee on Overtures. (pp. 9, 22.)

27. The Stated Clerk of Lehigh Classis fails to recognize the synodical relation of New York Classis. (p. 7.)

II. Requests.

1. Lebanon Classis requests that Synod designate what constitutes a sufficient number of marginal references. (p. 13.)

2. Lancaster Classis makes a request to Synod in reference to the synodical assessment for Missions. (p. 32.)

3. East Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to excuse it from paying \$400 of the synodical assessment for Home Missions. (p. 32.)

4. Lehigh Classis calls attention of Synod to certain irregularities of Synod. (p. 17.)

III. Subjects Referred.

1. East Pennsylvania, West Susquehanna, Tohickon, Goshenhoppen, Lehigh, Lebanon and Philadelphia Classis, adopted all the requests and assessments of Synod, with the exception, in some Classes, of the request on Sunday School Celebrations.

2. In the case of D. Y. Shaub, Goshenhoppen Classis reiterates its former action. (p. 6.)

3. Lancaster and East Susquehanna Classis adopted all the requests and assessments of Synod, except the assessment for Missions.

IV. Licensures, Ordinations, Dismissals and Reception.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis licensed Messrs. Thomas A. Fenstermaker, Joshua Wolbach, and A. F. Krout; ordained Lic. J. W. Mabry; and received Rev. M. H. Mishler from East Susquehanna Classis.

2. Lebanon Classis licensed Mr. Edwin A. Gernant and dismissed him to

Lehigh Classis; received the Lic. Tobias Kessler from Lehigh Classis and ordained him; received Rev. B. S. Metzgar from East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. E. E. Higbee, D. D., from Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac; dismissed Rev. J. H. Leinbach to Lehigh Classis, and Rev. C. Baum to East Susquehanna Classis.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed Mr. W. H. S. Lecrow; received Lic. N. J. Miller from Lehigh Classis, and ordained him; received Rev. A. R. Thompson from Lancaster Classis, and Rev. D. W. Ebbert from Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac.

4. Lancaster Classis dismissed Rev. A. R. Thompson to Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. S. P. Brown to West Susquehanna Classis; received Licentiate, John B. Kieffer and George B. Reaser, from Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac.

5. East Susquehanna Classis ordained Lic. O. H. Strunk; received Rev. W. B. Sandoe from Allegheny Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, and Rev. C. Baum from Lebanon Classis; dismissed Rev. B. S. Metzgar to Lebanon Classis, Rev. M. H. Mishler to East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. W. E. Krebs to Zion's Classis, Synod of Potomac, and Rev. E. D. Miller to Heidelberg Classis, Synod of the North West.

6. West Susquehanna Classis received Rev. Joshua H. Derr, from Northern Illinois Classis, Synod of Ohio, Rev. Lewis C. Edmonds from Kansas Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. Simon P. Brown from Lancaster Classis; dismissed Rev. Willoughby Donat to Lebanon Classis, and Lic. F. Wilson Brown to Iowa Classis, Synod of Ohio.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis licensed Cosmos Huber Herbst.

8. Lehigh Classis licensed Mr. Newton J. Miller, and dismissed him to Philadelphia Classis; ordained Lic. Wm. J. Kerschner; ordained Lic. Chas. Theodore Heimberger, and dismissed him to New York Classis, German Synod of the East; dismissed Lic. Tobias Kessler to Lebanon Classis; received Rev. John Hiester Leinbach and Lic. E. A. Gernant, from Lebanon Classis.

NOTE.—Items Overlooked at Previous Sessions of Synod.

Lehigh Classis in 1880, licensed Messrs. Wm. J. Kerschner, and Jacob S. Hartzell; and ordained Lic. Nevin W. A. Helffrich.

V. Time and Place of Meeting.

1. The Classis of East Pennsylvania will meet in Annual Sessions, in Christ Reformed Church, Bath, Northampton Co., Pa., on Friday after Ascension day, May 19, 1882, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. M. A. Smith, *President*, and Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk*.

2. The Classis of Lebanon will meet in Annual Sessions in the Reformed Church, Newmanstown, Pa., on the first Wednesday after Whitsuntide, 1882, at 8 P. M. Rev. Charles F. McCauley, D. D., *President*, and Rev. John P. Stein, *Stated Clerk*.

3. The Classis of Philadelphia will meet in Annual Sessions in the Union Church, Whittemarsh, Montgomery Co., Pa., on Friday, June 2, 1882, at 8 P. M. Rev. J. D. Detrich, *President*, Rev. J. H. Sechler, *Stated Clerk*.

4. The Classis of Lancaster will meet in Annual Sessions, in the Reformed Church, Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., on the first Thursday evening after Whitsunday, A. D. 1882, at 7½ o'clock. Rev. S. Schweitzer, *President*, and Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*.

5. The Classis of East Susquehanna will meet in Annual Sessions, in Zion's Reformed Church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne Co., Pa., on the first Wednesday after Whitsuntide, A. D. 1882, at 7.45 P. M. Rev. Z. A. Yearick, *President*, and Rev. D. O. Shoemaker, *Stated Clerk*.

6. The Classis of West Susquehanna will meet in Annual Sessions in St.

John's Reformed Church, Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa., on the third Wednesday of May, 1882, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Geo. P. Hartzell, *President*, and Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

7. The Classis of Goshenhoppen will meet in Annual Sessions, in Trinity Reformed Church, Lower Milford, Lehigh Co., Pa., on Friday after Ascension Day, May 19, 1882, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. A. L. Dechant, *President*, and Rev. L. J. Mayer, *Stated Clerk*.

8. The Classis of Tohickon will meet in Annual Sessions, in Christ Reformed Church, Springtown, Bucks Co., Pa., on Friday, May 19, 1882, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. David Rothrock, *President*, and Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

9. The Classis of Lehigh will meet in Annual Sessions in the Maiden Creek Church, in the village of Blandon, Berks Co., Pa., on the first Friday after Ascension Day, May 19, 1882, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. Abraham Bartholomew, *President*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. SECHLER, GEO. W. SNYDER, GEO. P. HARTZELL, GEO. W. HENSEL, J. G. BROWN, SAML. MESSERLY.	}	Committee.
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The judgment of the Committee in regard to the several items reported as irregularities was affirmed.

For the action of Synod on Requests No. 1, see Article XXI. Miscellaneous; Nos. 2 and 3, see Article XV. Finance; No. 4, see Article XVI. Appeals and References. The several items reported as subjects referred to the Classes were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The following report was received from the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, and adopted.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave respectfully to report, that no candidates for Examination or Licensure were referred to the Committee, and that they have nothing further to report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DUBBS, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report was received from the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, and adopted.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports from the several Classes, and tabulated and summarized the Statistics.

From these several accounts of the work of the Lord within the particular parts of the vineyard covered by them, we find the following things.

Of course we are well aware that no figures, and apparent facts, or any deductions from the same can determine absolutely the measure of progress on

the one hand, nor yet that of retrogression on the other; still it is true that only from the principle, that, "By their fruits shall ye know them."

All the reports, while they make mention, in greater or less proportion, of evidences of discouragement within the bounds of their Classes, yet the general tone running through them is that of hope and substantial advancement.

The doctrines of the Church have been faithfully taught, both in the pulpit and the Catechetical Classes. The administration of the sacraments has been, every where, regularly attended to. Discipline has not been neglected, and there seems to have been more cause for extreme measures during the last than in the preceding year. From all this have grown a proportionate amount of fruit, which appears in the Statistics as summarized for record by this Synod. From this summary, we find that the number of ministers within our bounds is one less than last year. Five congregations have been added to our roll. The Synod has at this time within its bounds 1,248 more members, and 1,522 more unconfirmed members than one year ago. There were 82 more infant, while there were 92 less of adult baptisms. In the number of additions by confirmation and certificate, there has been a decrease, of the former to the extent of 152, and of the latter 181; 1,870 less of our membership enjoyed the advantages and blessings of the Lord's Supper. While the loss by dismissals has been less, the death roll was larger by 699. In the Sunday School work while there are 12 schools less reported than one year ago, the number of scholars has been increased by 1,356. The number of students for the Ministry is 12 less than during last year. The columns of contributions as reported show a gratifying increase—being for congregational purposes \$7,558.36, and for purely benevolent giving \$8,125.20 more.

Thus we see that while there is abundant room for greater results, yet the Synod has great reason to thank God and take courage with still greater earnestness and zeal to press forward in the work of the Church under the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit, and blessed leadership of the great head of the Church.

During the year the Lord has said to several of the brethren "Come up higher." Rev. John M. Clemens, of E. Susquehanna Classis; Rev. Frederick Walk and the Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D. Their labors are ended, they have gone to their reward, and their works do follow them. Let us, too, be faithful unto death, and there awaits each of us also a "Crown of life."

Respectfully submitted,

Danville, Pa., Oct. 25, 1881.

D. E. KLOPP,

J. KEHM,

WM. BROWNBACK,

B. F. BAUSMAN,

} Committee.

[For Statistical Reports see Appendix.]

The following religious services were observed during the Sessions of Synod:

1.) The Sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious services.

2.) Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Geo. W. Snyder, Jno. H. Sechler and Elders Roger Hendricks and Jno. J. Nissley were appointed early in the Sessions, a Committee on Religious Services, who reported at intervals their several appointments, which were approved. The report, as finally adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Religious Services offer the following as their report:

Shiloh Reformed Church.—Thursday, 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D.

Friday, 7:30 P. M. Sunday School Institute. 1st topic, Responsibility, and Influence of the Sunday School Teacher, Rev. Jno. K. Millet. 2d topic Methods of Teaching and Lesson Helps, Rev. A. B. Stoner. 3d topic, Sunday School Music, Rev. J. D. Detrich.

Saturday, 7:30 P. M. Preparatory Sermon, Rev. Jno. O. Johnson.

Sunday, 10 A. M. The Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. Jno. A. Peters. 2 P. M. Sunday School Service. Addresses by Rev. L. K. Evans and Rev. N. Z. Snyder.

Sunday, 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. H. Mosser.

Monday, 7:30 P. M. Missionary Meeting. Addresses by Rev. P. S. Davis, D. D.; Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D.; Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D.

Mansdale Reformed Church.—Sunday afternoon. Sermon by Rev. Geo. W. Snyder.

Grove Presbyterian Church.—Sunday, 10:30 A. M. Sermon by Rev. T. C. Porter, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. Thos. J. Barclay.

Pine Street Lutheran Church.—Sunday, 10:30 A. M. Sermon by Rev. L. K. Evans. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D.

St. Paul's M. E. Church.—Sunday, 10:30 A. M. Sermon by Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. T. O. Stem.

Mahoning Presbyterian Church.—Sunday, 10:30 A. M. Sermon by Rev. P. S. Davis, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. C. S. Gerhard.

Baptist Church.—Sunday, 10:30 A. M. Sermon by Rev. N. S. Strassburger. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. N. Z. Snyder.

Trinity Lutheran Church.—Sunday, 10:30 A. M. Sermon by Rev. Jno. P. Stein. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. I. E. Graeff.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. WM. G. SCHAEFFER,
REV. GEO. W. SNYDER,
REV. JNO. H. SECHLER,
ELDER ROGER HENDRICKS,
ELDER JNO. J. NISSELY.

} Committee.

The several religious services provided for in the above report were observed

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a). *Report of Board of Trustees.*

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Brethren: The Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary respectfully present their Annual Report:

The usual meetings have been held during the year, and the routine business of the Board has been transacted.

We received a copy of the action of Synod directing our Treasurer "to pay all orders drawn on him by the President of the Board of Visitors, for all incidental and legitimate expenses incurred by the Board in the transaction of its business."

We have not complied with the action of Synod for the very sufficient reason that we are about three hundred dollars (\$300) short of sufficient funds to pay the legitimate expenses of the Seminary proper, and we do not understand the action of Synod to mean that these drafts upon our Treasurer shall take precedence of regular standing obligations, such as Professors' salaries, coal

light, etc., incurred in running the Institution. We doubt, also, the authority of the Synod of the United States, to pass such action without the concurrence of the other Synods represented in both the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors.

Since our last report, some of our investments have been paid, and we have been compelled to reinvest at 5 per cent. interest, and at this time we are notified by holders of \$13,000 of our funds, that unless we allow them to keep their loans at 5 per cent., they will pay them. Our experience is only the same as others. The Treasurer of Synod (U. S.) has had to invest at the same rate of interest, and so also the Finance Committee of Franklin and Marshall College.

About \$4,000 of our endowment fund bears no interest and is practically worthless, consisting of Classical notes, etc., which by tacit consent the Synod has never authorized us to push to collection, if indeed they are collectable.

Another source of unavoidable expense is the keeping up the Professors' houses. The heating apparatus and other absolutely necessary repairs this year will amount to over \$200 in excess of our regular expenses for repairs. In view of these facts, we think that instead of adding to the drafts upon our Treasurer, it may be necessary, in the near future, for Synod to furnish us aid, that we may be able to meet the legitimate and unavoidable expenses incurred in running the Institution. Two years ago, Synod passed an action requesting the congregations to pay to our Treasurer the proceeds of one collection during the year. The total receipts from this source were \$24.09. From this it appears that nearly every Pastor present at that meeting of Synod and voting for this action went home to his charge and ignored the request of Synod.

We call the attention of Synod to the fact that the Seminary property at Mercersburg, Pa., leased by this Synod to the regents of Mercersburg College, has been advertised for sale by the Sheriff of Franklin county during the current year. The regents of Mercersburg College have mortgaged the lease, and on this mortgage judgment has been obtained, and the Sheriff advertised it for sale. We consider the property in danger so long as this mortgage is suffered to remain. It is for Synod to determine if any action is needed to protect its interests in this property. If it should be sold under this mortgage, it may pass out of the control of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

JNO. B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

EDW. J. ZAHM, *Rec. Secretary.*

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 6th, 1881.

The following is the statement of the Treasurer referred to in the above report :

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.*

1880.

DR.

Oct. 12.	For Int. on Kieffer legacy of Jno. J. Nimsley, Trs.	\$176 73
Nov. 1.	“ of Mrs. E. M. Killough to date	75 00
“ 5.	“ “ Jacob Heyser to Oct. 1, 1880	120 00
“ 5.	“ “ A. B. Wingerd to Oct. 1, 1880	35 41
“ 5.	“ “ “ “ Nov. 1, 1880	325 83
“ 5.	“ “ Horst Mortgage to Oct. 1. 1880	116 04
Dec. 11.	“ “ Mrs. A. M. Steacy to Dec. 13, 1880	24 00
“ 15.	“ “ on Loan	1 14

Carried forward 874 15

DR. (CONTINUED.)

1881.	Amount brought forward	874 15
Jan. 13.	" on Loan	13 05
" 20.	" " Lehigh Val. R. R. Bonds to Dec. 1, 1880	150 00
" 25.	" of G. S. Griffith to Jan. 1, 1881	60 00
" 31.	For dividend on Fire Ins. Co. Stock to Jan. 1, 1881	20 00
Feb. 4.	For Int. of W. E. Schmertz in full	15 00
" 5.	" " O. L. Schreiber to Jan. 1, 1881	6 00
" 5.	" " Geo. Sarbaugh, on account	60 00
" 7.	" " Geo. W. Schroyer to Feb. 8, 1881	105 00
" 16.	" " W. L. Harbaugh to Aug. 13, 1881	36 00
" 21.	" on Loan	7 50
Mch. 1.	" of Jno. Becker to Feb. 28, 1881	240 00
Apl. 1.	" on Loan	6 13
" 1.	" of Geo. Houseworth to April 1, 1881	45 00
" 1.	" " E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1880	307 25
" 5.	" " Kieffer Legacy to April 1, 1881	260 00
" 5.	" " Cook " Oct. 1, 1880	36 00—296 00
" 5.	" " J. B. Roth Mortgage to April 1, 1881	300 00
" 7.	" " Geo. Sarbaugh, on account	50 00
" 9.	" " Geo. Sarbaugh, on account	100 00
May 2.	" " E. M. Killough to May 1, 1881	75 00
" 3.	" " W. Susq. Classis, on account	24 07
" 7.	" " C. Gaiter, Mortgage to May 1, 1881	14 60
" 11.	" " Jacob Heyser to April 1, 1881	120 00
" 31.	" " A. M. Steacy to June 13, 1881	24 00
June 16.	" " Geo. Sarbaugh, on account	70 00
" 10.	Special collection received of Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treasurer of Lancaster Classis, in aid of same	18 09
June 13.	For Int. of Jno. B. Roth to April 1, 1881	60 00
" 16.	" " E. J. Zahm	31 11
" 27.	" on Lehigh Val. R. R. Bonds to June 1, 1881	150 00
July 15.	Dividend Harrisburg Bridge Co. Stock	5 10
Aug. 4.	For Int. on Geo. W. Schroyer to Aug. 8, 1881	105 00
" 20.	" of Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treas. of Lehigh Classis	15 00
" 20.	" on Kieffer Legacy to Aug. 1881	216 50
	" " Cook " to April 6, 1881	36 00
		252 50
	Less Jno. J. Nissley's expenses to Chambersburg to satisfy mortgage	4 00
		248 00
Aug. 27.	For Int. of Jno. Becker to Aug. 28, 1881	240 00
Sept. 1.	" " Jno. B. Roth to Sept. 1, 1881	125 00
" 7.	" on W. Susq. Classis Bond	11 94
" 20.	" " Horst Mortgage to April 1, 1881	116 04
" 27.	" " Bond of Mercersburg Classis to July 1, 1881	60 00
" 24.	Collected from St. Stephen's congregation of Law for Sem- inary Relief Fund	6 00
" 28.	For Int. on Houseworth Mortgage to Oct. 1, 1881	45 00
" 30.	" " S. M. Keen Judgment to Oct. 1, 1881	75 00
" 30.	" " Geo. Besore's Bond to Jan. 1, 1881	30 00
" 30.	" " Building Fund to date	577 46
" 30.	" " Rev. J. Kretzing's Note	9 00

\$4,946 99

1880.

CR.

Oct. 11.	By amt. Bal. due Treasurer, per report	\$1655 09
Nov. 5.	" " paid McComas, attorney's fee in collection of claim vs. Zeller and Wingerd	217 00
" 5.	" E. G. Smith, attorney, expenses to Hagerstown	10 00
Dec. 9.	" E. V. Gerhart, on account of salary	200 00
" 9.	" Thos. G. Apple, on account of salary	200 00
" 9.	" F. A. Gast, on account of salary	100 00
" 28.	" Jos. R. Goodell, coal bill	60 20
" 31.	" F. A. Gast, on account of salary	100 00
1881.		
Jan. 5.	" E. V. Gerhart, on account of salary	100 00
" 13.	" interest paid on Klopp legacy to Oct. 1, 1880	40 00
" 25.	" E. V. Gerhart, salary to Jan. 1, 1881	75 00
" 25.	" F. A. Gast, salary to Jan. 1, 1881	50 00
" 25.	" Thos. G. Apple, salary to Jan. 1, 1881	175 00
" 26.	" O. Hecht's bill of repairs at Dr. Apple's	6 50
Feb. 7.	" Costs in suit in Franklin Co.	28 10
" 21.	" Thos. G. Apple, on salary account	200 00
" 21.	" E. V. Gerhart, on salary account	200 00
" 21.	" F. A. Gast, on salary account	150 00
" 26.	" Stamped Check Book and Stamps, P. O.	5 00
" 26.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer F. and M. col.	50 00
Mch. 2.	" New Era Printing Co., bill	21 00
Apr. 12.	" Shertzer & Co., bill of repairs, Dr. Apple's	7 75
" 12.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer F. and M. col.	50 00
" 12.	" E. V. Gerhart, on salary	200 00
" 12.	" T. G. Apple, salary to April 1, 1881	175 00
" 12.	" F. A. Gast, salary to April 1, 1881	100 00
" 15.	" Bill of repairs at Dr. Gerhart's	2 48
May 10.	" Bill of coal oil	1 00
" 14.	" Dr. T. G. Apple, on account of salary	200 00
" 19.	" Lane & Co., bill of blinds, Dr. Gerhart's	5 00
June 6.	" E. V. Gerhart, on account of salary	200 00
" 6.	" F. A. Gast, on account of salary	150 00
" 30.	" Henry Leonard, Janitor, extra labor	5 00
July 6.	" E. V. Gerhart, salary to July 1, 1881	150 00
" 6.	" T. G. Apple, salary to July 1, 1881	175 00
" 6.	" F. A. Gast, salary to July 1, 1881	100 00
Aug. 26.	" T. G. Apple, on account of salary	200 00
" 26.	" E. V. Gerhart, on account of salary	200 00
" 26.	" F. A. Gast, on account of salary	150 00
" 26.	" Jacob Bausman, Treasurer F. and M. col.	50 00
Sept. 7.	" Bateman's bill of painting at E. V. Gerhart's	8 90
" 7.	" P. W. Fry's bill of paper hanging at E. V. Gerhart's	9 64
" 28.	" E. V. Gerhart, salary in full to Oct. 1, 1881	175 00
" 28.	" T. G. Apple, salary in full to Oct. 1, 1881	175 00
" 28.	" F. A. Gast, salary in full to Oct. 1, 1881	100 00
" 29.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. col.	50 00
" 29.	" J. B. Roth, Treasurer, salary to Oct. 1, 1881	100 00

\$6,382 66

Sept. 30. Amount Dr. brought forward 4,946 99

Oct. 1, 1881. Amount due Treasurer is \$1,435 67

Respectfully presented,

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 1, 1881.

JNO. B. ROTH, Treasurer.

The undersigned Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 1, 1881.

GEO. W. HENSEL,
EDW. J. ZAHM.

STATEMENT OF SUNDRY FUNDS IN HANDS OF JOHN B. ROTH, TREASURER
OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Endowment Fund.

1880.		
Oct. 1.	Amount of Principal reported to Synod	\$69,668 81
Dec. 31.	Annie M. Eyerman's note paid	100 00
		\$69,768 81
1881.		
Oct. 1.	Less note or claim vs. Daniel Reisher recovered of former Treasurer, A. Wingerd, and lost in suit	469 05
Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund	\$69,299 76

JNO. B. ROTH, Treasurer in account with LIBRARY FUND.

1880.	DR.	
	Amount of Principal	\$2,069 96.
Oct. 11.	For amount collected due	\$145 83
Nov. 5.	" interest received of A. B. Wingerd	24 59
1881.		
Feb. 1.	" " " " Jno. Meily to April 1, 1879	60 00
Apr. 1.	" " " " E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1881	15 00
		\$245 42

1881.	CR.	
Jan. 7.	By amount paid Zahm & Co.'s bill	\$25 00
" 25.	" " " F. W. Christern's bill	4 25
Mch. 25.	" " " W. B. Billing's bill	15 00
Apr. 12.	" " " Zahm & Co.'s bill	24 82
May 16.	" " " A. Bendell's bill	8 20
June 16.	" " " Insurance on Library	15 00
July 6.	" " " Zahm & Co.'s bill	6 15
" 6.	" " " A. Bendell's bill	1 72
" 19.	" " " I. M. Stoddart's bill	6 00
Aug. 26.	" " " Zahm & Co.'s bill	9 40
		\$115 54
Oct. 1.	Balance due funds	\$129 88
		\$245 42

SMALTZ FUND.

1880.	DR.	
	Amount of Principal	\$5,000 00
Oct. 1.	For Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$183 39
1881.		
Apr. 1.	For interest of T. Franke to April 1, 1881	150 00
		\$333 39

1880.			CR.		
Oct. 12.	By amount paid order No. 1			50	00
" 12.	" " " " 2			50	00
" 12.	" " " " 3			50	00
1881.					
Jan. 13.	" " S. R. Fisher, Treasurer			33	39
Apl. 7.	" " S. R. Fisher, Treasurer			150	00
				\$333 39	

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

1880.					
Oct. 1.	Amount of fund reported to Synod			\$12,396	05
1881.					
Mch. 24.	I. T. Reber's note paid in full			300	00
Oct. 1.	Amount of fund is			\$12,696	05

PITTSBURG PROF. FUND.

1880.					
Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund is			\$1,718	30
All interest received on this sum is credited by orders of the Seminary Board to the Contingent Fund account of Theological Seminary.					
Oct. 1, 1881.	No increase in Fund.				

Respectfully presented,

JNO. B. ROTH, Treasurer.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 1, 1881.

The undersigned Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 6, 1881.

GEO. W. HENSEL,
EDW. J. ZAHM.

b.) Report of the Board of Visitors.

TO THE HONORABLE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Dear Brethren: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary presents to your honorable body through the undersigned, the following as their Annual Report:

At the opening of the Seminary in September one year ago, the following persons were admitted as members of the Junior Class, fourteen in number: Solomon A. Alt, Benjamin F. Bausman, William F. Faber, Geo. W. Gerhard, Daniel N. Harnish, John N. Hoobaugh, Alfred P. Horn, Charles W. Levan, Henry H. Saugus, David B. Schneder, Frank W. Smith, Adam S. Weber, Jairus A. Wickert and George A. Zeller. The Rev. S. Olin Garrison, an ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having previously pursued his studies in the Drew Seminary of his own Church, wishing to avail himself of the opportunity afforded him as missionary in the city of Lancaster, to complete his theological studies, was admitted to the privileges of the Seminary Class, and he finished his studies with the Senior Class.

As a matter of regret we state that several of the students were under the necessity of absenting themselves from the Seminary during the whole or a part of the year on account of ill health, or because they found it necessary to engage in teaching in order to increase their funds for their support in the

future. The conduct and diligence of the students in the discharge of their duties have, as a general thing, been good and commendable. They seek to make themselves useful in the Sunday School, and during the year, a new interest has been awakened among them in the cause of missions and fostered in their weekly meetings. The examinations at the close of the year were listened to with much interest by the Board, and were approved as satisfactory.

The members of the Senior Class, having completed the prescribed course of studies, and sustained their final examination creditably in the presence of the Board, received the regular certificate of dismission prepared for this purpose, setting forth these facts, at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last. They are eleven in number, and their names are as follows: Albert A. Black, T. A. Fenstermacher, S. Olin Garrison, Edwin A. Gernant, Edgar A. Hassler, Cosmos H. Herbst, Newlin J. Miller, Cyrus J. Musser, George B. Resser, Calvin S. Slagle and Joshua Wolbach. Most of them have entered upon the active duties of the ministry, and are occupying fields of usefulness in the Church.

The Board is satisfied with the work done by the Seminary during the past year, and believe that there is cause for gratitude and thanksgiving to the Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity, with which He has hitherto favored our School of the Prophets. The whole number of students reported in the annual catalogue, present and absent, was 31.

Hitherto the Board of Visitors has been acting in the capacity of a Board of Education, but in accordance with the action of the Synod last year, the members of the Board of Visitors belonging to this Synod, have organized themselves into a Board of Education, which will hereafter transact its business apart from the sessions of the Board. The report of the Treasurer is annexed to this report.

The Secretary is further instructed to direct the attention of the Synod to the following action of the Board of Visitors at its last Annual Meeting.

Resolved, That the President of the Board be instructed to draw an order on the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary in favor of Dr. Theodore Appel for \$40 for salary as Secretary of the Board for two years, ordered to be paid by the Synod at its last Annual Meeting at Meyers-town, Pa., and also \$20 as salary for the present year, and likewise an order on said Treasurer in favor of the President for expenses incurred in the transmission of sermons of the graduating class through the mail and per express—amounting to \$2.31—as ordered by the Synod at the above meeting.

Resolved, That in case the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary refuses to honor the above orders, the Secretary of the Board be instructed to incorporate the fact in the annual report of this Board to Synod by way of complaint.

In accordance with the last of these resolutions, I hereby inform the Synod, that the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary has refused to honor the orders above referred to when presented to him. I further state that he has refused to pay an order drawn on him by the President of the Board for \$10.00, the amount needed to pay for the new diploma on "certificate of dismission" prepared by the Secretary as ordered by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Sec'y of the Board.*

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with the late Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Treasurer, rendered by Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, Exr.

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By balance in Treasury, Oct. 20, 1880	\$203 56
By cash received from Classis of Lebanon	105 00

Carried forward	\$308 56
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Brought forward	\$308 56
By cash received from Classis of East Pennsylvania	151 45
" " Tobickon	265 76
" " Klopp Legacy per J. B. Roth, Treasurer	40 00
" " Smaltz Fund	183 39
" " Trinity Ref'd. S. S., York, Pa., subject to order of S. S.	225 00
" refunded by W. F. Faber	129 85
" received from Gerhart Legacy per Treas. of Synod	6 00
	\$1,310 01
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To cash paid beneficiaries of Lebanon Classis	\$105 00
" " East Pennsylvania	151 45
" " Tobickon	265 76
" " General Board	465 00
" Rev. T. G. Apple for use of Henry M. Yamanaka, per order of Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D.	100 00
Expenses of Treasurer of the Board	3 80
Balance in Treasury	219 00
	\$1,310 01

I have examined this account, compared it with the vouchers, and find it correct, with a balance in the Treasury of \$219.

Danville, Pa., Oct. 20, 1881.

THOS. C. PORTER.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary to whom the foregoing documents were referred, submitted their report, which was received, taken up item by item, amended and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary offer the following:

The documents referred to us are, the reports of the Board of Visitors and of the Board of Trustees, together with the reports of the Treasurer of the latter Board, and the Board of Education.

From the Board of Trustees we learn that \$100 was added to the endowment fund by the payment of a note to that amount. A loss of \$469.05 was sustained during the year by the adjusting of a former unfortunate investment. The endowment fund at present amounts to \$69,299.76. The income of the Seminary has somewhat decreased during the year on account of the fact that the Board was obliged to reinvest a certain portion of the endowment fund at a lower rate of interest than was formerly received.

The Board also reports that it was obliged to expend this year for repairs on the Professors' houses \$200 more than usual, and that they are \$300 short without paying, as directed by Synod, the salary voted by the Board of Visitors to its Secretary, and other incidental and legitimate expenses incurred by the Board of Visitors in the transaction of its business. The Secretary, on the other hand, in compliance with instructions from the Board of Visitors, calls the attention of Synod to the fact that its request has not been complied with.

In reference to this whole matter we offer the following:

Resolved, that to relieve the Board of Trustees from its financial embarrassment (which necessarily prevented it from carrying out the injunction of Synod in reference to expenses incurred by the Board of Visitors in the trans-

action of its business) the Board of Trustees be authorized and directed to bring the needs of the Seminary before the church, and secure the requisite additional funds.

Resolved, that in carrying out these instructions the Board shall exercise its own judgment regarding the best manner in which the end is to be accomplished, either by presenting its claims directly to the different Classes, or by putting an agent into the field.

The Board of Trustees calls the attention of Synod to the fact that the Seminary property at Mercersburg, Pa., is in the hands of the Sheriff.

In reference to this fact, we offer the following:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod, a lease granted at a nominal rate of interest for a long period of years does not, in any way, involve a surrender of the property in question.

Resolved, That the Board be authorized and directed to institute such measures as may be necessary to protect our rights in said property.

From the report of the Board of Education, it appears that during the current year the receipts were \$1310.01, and the disbursements \$1091.01, leaving a balance of \$219 in the treasury.

From the Board of Visitors we learn that during the year the Seminary prospered, under the blessing of God. The professors and students attended faithfully to their respective duties, and the latter made commendable progress. Fourteen students were received into the institution; eleven, having completed the course of study, were dismissed.

In view of the continued prosperous condition of the Seminary, your committee recommends the following:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby express its heartfelt gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for His blessing, and for the prosperity which the Seminary enjoyed during the past year; and we devoutly pray God that He may continue to bless and prosper the Seminary and all connected with it, to the glory of His name and to the advancement of His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted.

C. S. GERHARD,
I. E. GRAEFF,
T. J. BARKLEY,
J. B. LEINBACH,
CHRISTIAN GAST,
JEREMIAH LYNN.

III. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS CONNECTED WITH THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Trustees.—Daniel W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel, Edward J. Zahm, Charles Santee, John Heilman, Owen L. Schreiber, John B. Roth, George W. Hensel, Aaron S. Renninger, William E. Schmertz, William J. Baer, Thomas J. Craig, Adam B. Wingerd, Louis Markel, Henry Wirt, Isaac H. Keiffer, Henry M. Cocklin, Israel Loucks.

Board of Visitors.—Revs. Amos H. Kremer, D. D., Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Charles F. McCauley, D. D., Theodore Appel, D. D., Daniel M. Wolff, Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., A. E. Truxal, R. Humphrey Deatrick, Joseph H. Appel, D. D., and Thomas C. Porter, D. D. (members of the former board were all continued).

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Fourth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions of the Tri-synodic Board was received and referred to the Committee on Missions. It is as follows:

I. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

To the United States, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—The Superintendent of Missions hereby respectfully presents this his Fourth Annual Report of the condition and progress of the missions under the care of the Board during the past year.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grace Reformed Church, Easton.—Under the care of the Board five years. Members, 80. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 10. Additions, 5. Benevolence, \$30. Local objects, over \$600. Cost of property, \$3,000. Indebtedness, about \$1,200. Reduction of debt during the year, \$300. Attendance, better than in former years. The condition of the mission steadily improving. In a great measure dependent for its increase on members removing from the country to the town. Appropriation fixed by the Classis—not reported to the Board. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler.

Salem's Reformed Church, Catasauqua.—About seven years under the care of the Board. Members, 140. S. S. scholars, 150. Baptisms, 19. Additions, 16. Losses, 5. Benevolence, \$43.53. Local objects, \$1,094.66. Cost of property, \$3,100. Its value much greater. Its present indebtedness is \$1,600. Reduction during the year, \$1,500. There is a decided improvement in the condition of this mission, as compared with that of previous years. Its indebtedness is still in its way, also the financial disrepute into which it had fallen during previous years. It is, however, overcoming both of these difficulties, and its financial status in the community has improved. Appropriation fixed by Classis. Pastor, J. J. Crist.

Christ's Mission, East Allentown.—This mission was served during part of the past year by Rev. J. Fritzinger. After his withdrawal, the Rev. W. J. Kershner became its pastor. The Classis of Lehigh declined extending to it any further assistance, and it is, therefore, no longer under the care of the Board. With the help which it expects to receive from members of the Reformed church in other congregations in the city, it is believed that it will hereafter be able to sustain itself.

St. John's, Reading.—Members, 390. Baptisms, 71. Additions, 65. S. S. scholars, 400. Cost of church property, \$22,000. Reduction of indebtedness during the past year, \$500. The financial condition of the mission is improving; and if it were not for its indebtedness, the mission would be self-supporting. The pastor has been serving the Birdsboro mission during the year, which at present is building a new church for its use. If this congregation can be connected with one or more neighboring congregations, it will constitute a self-supporting charge, and pastor Steinmetz will be relieved of a part of his arduous labors. He can then devote more time and attention to his congregation in Reading. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$200. Pastor, J. W. Steinmetz.

St. John's, West Philadelphia.—For several years past this mission has been suffering from financial difficulties. Its income was not suffi-

cient to meet its expenditures. The actual amount of indebtedness over a year ago was diminished, as said in last year's report, but this was accomplished by the sale of one of its houses, and was not, therefore, in itself, a financial gain. The indebtedness had been accumulating for several years before. The pastor, Rev. J. S. Vandersloot, having been invited to take charge of a mission in another part of the city, concluded to withdraw from his post, so that the way might be opened to place the mission upon a better financial basis. The mission, accordingly, has been vacant for several months, but it has been regularly supplied by the Superintendent and others. The way is now open for the location of another pastor over it; and so soon as that is brought about, the Board has good hopes that, under new auspices, it will take a new departure, and overcome the difficulties which have stood thus far in the way of its progress. Appropriation last year, \$300. Vacant.

Grace Church, Philadelphia.—This mission grew out of a mission Sunday-school, which had been kept up by the members of the Reformed church for a number of years previously, at the corner of 5th and Dauphin streets, in the northern part of the city. Last spring it made an application to the Board to be recognized as a mission, and to be supplied with a missionary pastor. It was signed by over fifty persons. A congregation of some twenty persons was organized by the Classis of Philadelphia, and the Rev. J. S. Vandersloot was commissioned by the Board to take charge of it as missionary. It is believed that the number of members will be largely increased during the course of the year. The Sunday-school, numbering over one hundred scholars, had been carried forward with energy, during previous years, and it is now in a flourishing condition. A lot of ground has been selected for a new church or chapel, and it is proposed to build on it during the course of the year. The mission is promising. It is located in a part of the city where missionary labor is needed, and where is much material belonging to the Reformed church which, with the divine blessing, may be gathered into a flourishing church. Appropriation, \$500. Pastor, J. S. Vandersloot.

Second Church, Harrisburg.—Members, 109. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 16. S. S. scholars, 273. Benevolence, \$80. For local objects, \$689. No debt. The Missionary Society, composed mainly of S. S. scholars, contributed one-fourth of the amount devoted to benevolence. This congregation has been receiving missionary help since its organization, a little over seventeen years ago. During the period it has been under the charge of the present pastor—eight years—it has been making encouraging additions from year to year, in all, 147; but its losses, by removals or death, have been also large, so that its growth in numbers has been impeded by circumstances which were beyond its control. The Classis of Lancaster is at present making an effort to connect it with a congregation in the country, by which it is thought the charge will be nearly or quite self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, the same. Pastor, G. W. Snyder.

Zwingli Church, Harrisburg.—This mission has been supplied for two years by the Rev. John G. Fritchey, during which time he has reduced the indebtedness from \$2,000 to \$1,100, and re-established its financial reputation. Confidence has been restored, and the members are united and willing to work together for the future prosperity of the church. Mr. Fritchey, in view of his advancing age, is anxious to withdraw from the mission, and the way seems now to be prepared to secure

some one to succeed him. It is thought that before long the Board will be able to obtain a competent person to take charge of it. Members, 66. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 6, all heads of families. S. S. scholars, 40. Benevolence, \$3. Local objects, \$268. Value of property, estimated at \$10,000. Appropriation, \$100. Pastor, Rev. J. G. Fritchey.

Columbia.—Members, 165. Losses, 16 by removal; 10 by death. Additions, 19. Baptisms, 18. S. S. scholars, 185. Benevolence, \$93. For local objects, \$960. Value of church property, \$7,000; of parsonage, \$3,000. The congregation, under difficulties, is making progress. For a number of years past it has had a troublesome debt to contend with, amounting, during the year, to \$1,625. A few weeks ago, an effort was made to pay it off. Over \$1,200 was secured for this purpose, and in a few weeks more it is expected that the balance will be provided for. Appropriation last year, \$125. This year, the same. Pastor, C. S. Gerhart.

Wilkes-Barre.—The present missionary has had charge of this mission now nearly four years. Number of members at Wilkes-Barre, 312. At Nanticoke, 120. In all, 432. Gain, 112, and losses, 37, leaving a net increase of 75. S. S. scholars, 225. Baptisms, 64. Benevolence, \$54. Local objects, \$— . Cost of property, \$13,000. Indebtedness last year, \$3,650. This year, \$1,600. At Nanticoke the congregation is making an effort to erect a church, for which \$800 have thus far been secured. An eligible piece of ground was donated for this purpose by the Susquehanna Coal Company. The mission at Plymouth, referred to in last year's report as growing out of the mission at Wilkes-Barre, has been doing well under the care of the Rev. S. C. Meckel, and now receives an appropriation from the Classis of East Susquehanna. It has 42 members, and expects to erect a new church for its use by the coming spring. Missionary work in the Wyoming Valley thus far has made an encouraging degree of progress, and promises well for the spread of the church in that section of the country. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, \$225. Pastor, F. K. Levan.

Lock Haven.—Members, 140. Two congregations. Additions, 11. Baptisms, 5. S. S. scholars, 90. Benevolence, \$30. Debt, \$729. Reduction during the year, \$81. Cost of church, \$2,200, but worth much more now. In need of repairs. The church building of the country congregation is of little value, and must soon be replaced by a new one. The attendance upon the means of grace is good, and the mission is growing both internally and externally. When the present pastor took charge of it in 1879, it was much distracted, and its prospects gloomy. Since then it has rallied, and its condition is again promising for the future. Support of the pastor inadequate. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, the same. Pastor, I. S. Stahr.

East Liberty and Wilkinsburg.—The congregation at East Liberty has been making progress during the year. The membership was increased one-third since last January. The indebtedness, \$1,600, was reduced to \$750. Street assessment of nearly \$100 per year is a burden on the congregation, likely to continue for several years to come.—Wilkinsburg is also doing well, but it has a heavy debt to carry, and its effect on the congregation is depressing. Members in both congregations, 100. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 23. S. S. scholars, 130. For benevolence, \$29. For local objects, \$920. Value of property, about \$6,000. Appropriation last year, \$525. This year, the same. Pastor, J. W. Knapenberger.

Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co.—Three congregations. Under the Board five years. Members, 115. Baptisms, 18. Additions, 8. S. S. scholars, 90. Value of property, \$1,500. Benevolence, \$65. Local objects, \$730. Indebtedness, \$70. Reduction of debt during the year, \$130. The attendance on worship, good. Some growth during the year. The support inadequate, making it necessary for the pastor to teach during a part of his time. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Schick, after laboring successfully in this charge for five years, recently withdrew. Appropriation, \$112. Vacant.

Sulphur Springs, Bedford Co.—Congregations, 3. Members, 169. Baptisms, 24. Additions, 9. Sunday-schools, 2, union. Benevolence, \$62. Local objects, \$503. The mission was established in 1873. It has built a new church at Mann's Choice worth \$1,800, and a parsonage worth \$1,600. These two buildings were paid for gradually from year to year; the remaining indebtedness was paid off during the year. It has been making progress, internally and externally, and its prospects for the future are good. The pastor, W. A. Gring, was recently called to another charge, and he left with the kind wishes of his people. Appropriation last year, \$200.

Duncannon.—There are three congregations comprising this mission. The congregation at Marysville has improved its church building, and paid, in all, \$300 for local purposes, which amounted to \$10, on an average, for each member. The Missionary, Rev. U. H. Heilman, having received a call from another charge in the church, there is a probability that he will accept of it and withdraw from the mission. The congregation at Duncannon is making a slow but encouraging progress. No statistics given. Appropriation last year, \$225.

First Church, Allegheny City.—This mission has been vacant during the past year. It was thought best by the Board of Missions of the Pittsburgh Synod that the arrangement made last year for its supply should be discontinued, and our missionary interests in Allegheny City were referred to a committee of Classis. Nothing, as far as we know, has been done to revive the mission during the year, and the prospects are that it will lie dormant for the time being. We need very much a church organization in Allegheny City, and it is believed that the time will still come when, under more favorable circumstances, we again will be able to occupy this field.

Shenandoah City.—No reports have been received from this mission during the year. It has hitherto stood under the supervision of the missionary department of the Ursinus Union. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, the same. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

St. John's Church, Johnstown.—Under the care of the Board two years. Members, 61. Baptisms, 15. Additions, 12. Losses, 2. For benevolence, \$43. For local objects, about \$1,500. The new church was dedicated in November last, and since then all the remaining indebtedness—several hundred dollars—has been cancelled. Its cost was \$3,000. This mission, during the short time it has been aided by the Board, has made a commendable degree of progress. Its beginnings were humble, and by no means encouraging to feeble sight. It has been largely, thus far, the work of faith, hope and charity. It received liberal aid from the citizens of Johnstown in the building of the church. Appropriation last year, \$500; this year, the same. Pastor, W. H. Bates.

St. Luke's, Lancaster.—Members, 51. Baptisms, 21. Additions, 18. S. S. scholars, 215. Whole number enrolled during the year, 260. For benevolence, \$21.90. For local objects, \$531.15. Value of property, \$2,800. No indebtedness on property. The Sunday-school has largely increased during the year, and is composed mostly of the children of the poor. Its weekly contributions—\$60—were nearly sufficient to pay its expenses. Contributions to pastor's salary, about \$50. The balance of the expenses were met by the contributions of friends of the mission and proceeds of concerts and festivals. The Harbaugh Missionary Society was started during the year, and holds regular monthly meetings, which are well attended. This mission is doing a good work among the poor in the suburbs of the city, and has been enjoying manifest tokens of the divine favor since its organization, about three years ago. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, the same. Pastor, W. F. Lichliter.

Overton, Bradford Co.—The prosperous condition of this mission, as presented in our last annual report, was interrupted by the withdrawal of its pastor, who accepted a call to another charge, with the approbation of Classis. Several efforts have been made to secure a successor, but thus far without success. The opportunities for building up churches in this field are favorable, and it is hoped that a suitable person will be secured before long, who will come and carry forward the good work on the foundation which has been laid. Appropriation last year, \$150. Vacant.

Latrobe.—Two congregations. Members, 123. Additions, at Latrobe, 25. Baptisms, 10. S. S. scholars, 65. Benevolence, \$50. For local purposes, \$600. Cost of property, \$7,200. Indebtedness, \$1,850. Reduction of indebtedness, \$92.60. The mission seems to be looking up, and, if its progress is slow, it is steady. The present pastor took charge of it during the year. He commenced preaching in Ligonier valley, where he organized a congregation of 25 members, which he has continued to serve. Appropriation last year, \$200; this year, the same. Pastor, S. H. Eisenberg.

Trinity Mission, York Co.—This mission has disappointed the expectations of the Board and its friends. For a year or more it has made little or no progress. It has, in fact, declined, and the Board has withdrawn its commission from the missionary. It will, therefore, devolve on the Classis to devise measures by which its wants shall be provided for.

Sharon, Mercer Co.—No reports. Statistics as reported in the minutes of General Synod. Members, 185; baptisms, 11; additions, 12; S. S. scholars, 69; benevolent objects, \$15; local objects, \$1800. The mission is still vacant, but supplied by Rev. F. P. Hartmetz. Appropriation \$100.

New Castle, Lawrence Co.—Organized as a mission in January, 1880. Members, 44. Baptisms, 9. Unconfirmed members, 27. Additions, 9. Worships in a rented hall. An effort is now in progress to build a house of worship, which is much needed. The amount raised in subscriptions and cash up to this time is a fraction over \$2,000. It is proposed to go forward in the erection of the new church yet this fall. It is to cost about \$2,500, exclusive of the lot. Much of the time of the missionary has been occupied in securing subscriptions for the church in the town, and in congregations at a distance; but its spiritual interests have not

materially suffered. It is not likely that it will make considerable progress until it is furnished with necessary church accommodations. Its prospects are encouraging. Appropriation last year, \$450; this year, the same. Pastor, J. M. Souder.

Marietta.—The congregation at Marietta, organized several years ago, was for some time a mission under the care of the Classis of Lancaster, and was assisted by a number of its congregations. But the help thus obtained was not sufficient to support its pastor, and it appealed to the Board for a small appropriation, which was granted. The Classis connected it with the Maytown congregation, and so strengthened the charge. The mission is growing, and with some help in time of need, it has good prospects of becoming self-supporting at no distant day. The missionary, Rev. S. P. Brown, withdrew from the field last winter, and he was succeeded by the Rev. G. B. Resser in the spring. Appropriation, \$100.

Tionesta and Dubois.—Both of these points have been recognized as missions, and appropriations made for their support, but thus far they have been without missionary pastors.

VIRGINIA.

Winchester.—Although this mission was without a pastor for a time, it did not suffer any serious loss. Its members held together, and waited in faith and prayer for some one who should break unto them the bread of life. By the appointment of the Board, the Rev. A. R. Kremer took charge of it last spring. His labors thus far have had the effect to encourage the brethren and to inspire hope that his labors among them will be blessed. A reduction of \$50 has been made in the church debt. \$500 still remains to be paid. It will be gradually reduced by the efforts of the Mite Society, which maintains itself in the congregation with commendable zeal. No statistics have been furnished to us. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, the same. Pastor, A. R. Kremer.

Mint Spring, Trinity Mission, Augusta Co.—The new church at Mint Spring was finished last fall and a day appointed for its dedication, but when the time came for this solemn act it was decided that it should be postponed until the debt incurred should be in some way provided for. The new church, therefore, has not yet been dedicated, as there is still a debt of \$128 resting on it. A Sunday-school has been gathered together, and services have been held in the church every two weeks, which are well attended. As the Middlebrook charge has been strengthened by a new church and a new congregation in the town of Middlebrook, it is now proposed to reconstruct it and unite one of its congregations with Trinity Mission, so as to strengthen it and put it in the way of becoming self-sustaining. The Board has agreed to this arrangement, and, with the help of the Virginia Classis, proposes to make a small appropriation to each of the new charges, so soon as the new arrangement can be carried out. In a few years it is believed that there will be two respectable charges, where five years ago we had only one, and that without standing or influence. Appropriation last year, \$150. Pastor, A. J. Whitmore.

DELAWARE.

St. John's, Wyoming, Kent County.—In the early part of the year this charge became vacant by the resignation of the pastor, Rev. E. H.

Dieffenbacher. A successor, however, was secured soon afterwards, so that it was not long vacant. Members, 95; Baptisms, 6; Additions, 5; Sunday-school scholars, 75; cost of property, \$2,000. No indebtedness. Benevolence, \$23.30. Local objects, \$394.23. The failure in some of the crops has been a loss to the mission, but being rooted and grounded in the truth, it is making progress, and its prospects are encouraging. Organized as a mission in 1870. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$150. Pastor, N. J. Miller.

MARYLAND.

Cumberland.—This mission has been under the care of the Board since 1867. It had been a mission many years previously. The present pastor has had charge of it now for seven years. Its growth has been gradual and its prospects are good. Members, 156; unconfirmed members, 112; Baptisms, 15; Additions, 20; Sunday-school scholars, 110; value of property, \$5,500, of cemetery, \$1,000. Indebtedness on both \$2,000. Amount of indebtedness paid off since 1867, \$4,300; Benevolence, \$50; Local objects, \$750. Attendance good. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, the same. Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

Ridgely, Caroline Co.—This mission at present consists of three congregations, the first at Ridgely, the second in Queen Ann Co., and the third near Easton, in Talbot Co. Members, 73; Sunday-school scholars, 35; Baptisms, 14; Additions, 9. The new church at Ridgely is under roof but not yet finished, for the want of funds. The new church in Talbot county was dedicated a short time ago. It is a union church and cost between \$400 and \$500. Provision was made at the dedication to pay off all remaining indebtedness by the different denominations represented in it, four in number. The congregation in Kent county, which is small, has not as yet any church. It worships in private houses, and, in the summer time, in a grove. It has met with losses by deaths and removals, which have prevented it from securing for itself a building of its own. The missionary has not been adequately supported, as the mission at Ridgely did not raise the amount of salary which was expected. The loss, however, was partially made up by missionary boxes and private contributions from friends of missions in Pennsylvania. He will need similar help during the coming winter. Appropriation last year, \$325; this year, the same. Pastor, Joseph Hanabery.

East Baltimore.—The attention of the Board has been directed by the Classis of Maryland to the eastern portion of the city of Baltimore as a suitable place for the establishment of a new mission. Arrangements are at present being made to put up a chapel for the use of a mission Sunday-school and for preaching. One of the resident ministers of our church has consented to take charge of this interest for the present without any compensation.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Concord, Cabarrus Co.—At the recommendation of the Missionary Committee of the Classis of North Carolina, the Rev J. D. Gurley was commissioned to labor as missionary at Concord, about one year ago. We had some valuable members in the town, who came forward and were organized into a congregation. Services have been held regularly in a hall fitted up for the purpose every Sunday, and a fair beginning

has been made. Mr. Gurley taught school for a while in order to minister to his support, but other schools having sprung up in the town this resort has failed him for the present. An effort was made at the Classis to connect some country congregations with the mission, but it was deemed premature at the time. This, however, may yet be accomplished. Mr. Gurley has accepted of invitations to preach in nearly all the charges of the Classis, where his services were well received and highly appreciated. In this way, as also by visiting missionary points in the bounds of the Classis, it is believed that his usefulness will be much increased from year to year. Appropriation, \$250. Pastor, J. D. Gurley.

Lincolnton.—A good while ago, there was a flourishing Reformed congregation at Lincolnton, but owing to different causes it was suffered to decline, and nearly all of its members connected themselves with other denominations. For a number of years no Reformed minister preached in the place. A few members—only a few—remained true to the church of their fathers, and it was thought best to supply these with preaching, and to make an effort to revive the congregation, if possible. The Rev. J. A. Foil, who had been preaching occasionally in the town, was commissioned during the year by the Board to take charge of this interest, with a small appropriation. He has been preaching at this point once in four weeks, and has had good audiences. It, however, needs more attention than Mr. Foil can give it in connection with his other engagements. It may possibly be connected with other points within the bounds of Classis hereafter, where preaching is called for, and a new missionary field be formed, in which good results might be expected. A small class of catechumens has been formed at Lincolnton. Appropriation, \$50. Pastor, J. A. Foil.

Moffitt's Grove.—This congregation came under the care of the Board during the past year. The members were poor, and the Rev. J. W. Cecil had served it for several years with little or no compensation. It has no church of its own, but has been worshipping in a school house, conveniently adapted to its purposes. Under these circumstances it was constituted a mission, and the Board made a small appropriation for the support of its pastor. Mr. Cecil has recently withdrawn from the field, and it will devolve on the Classis to provide for its spiritual wants, either by connecting it with some other charge or by temporary supplies through its missionary committee. Members, 41; Baptisms, 2; Additions 1; Appropriation, \$50. Vacant.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington.—During the past year the attention of this mission has been mainly occupied in securing for itself a suitable house of worship. The members were first called on for their subscriptions, and they all gave liberally for their circumstances. The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Sonntag, then spent several months in visiting the churches, and succeeded in raising the amount of subscriptions to a little over \$2,000, when steps were taken by the committee of Maryland Classis to go forward with the erection of a new church. The contract was awarded to good and responsible persons. It is in good taste, in the style of Queen Ann, and the cost will be \$4,100. The building is now in the process of erection. It is expected to be paid for by the subscriptions already received and some that are still to be secured, which will be supplemented by the

be unworthy of his office. He found many of his countrymen who needed the gospel, but manifested little or no interest in having it preached to them. They had, in some degree, lost confidence in ministers, as well as in Christianity itself. This made the beginning of his work somewhat inauspicious, but he has not become discouraged. He preaches at present in a rented hall, and has succeeded in gathering the children together into a Sunday-school, which is growing, and promises well for the future. The beginning seems to be feeble, and the work arduous; but we have the assurance that brother Hartman's labors for the souls of men will not be in vain in the end. He is well qualified for the work which he has undertaken, and is much needed to assist the brethren already in the field in planting the pure Christian faith in the place of Satan's synagogue. Appropriation, \$400. Pastor, C. Hartman.

OREGON.

Portland.—Membership, 172; 110 at Portland, 13 at Sandy, organized into a congregation during the year. 50 at German Creek and the Dalles, also lately organized. Two Sunday-schools, with ninety scholars. Something over \$1,000 were raised for congregational purposes, such as salary, sexton, fuel, and the debt of \$365 mentioned in last year's report. \$70 were raised in the congregation for the completion of a new church in Rev. Lange's charge. The missionary has spent much time in exploring the country and in organizing new churches, and it has become necessary to send other laborers into the field to assist him in his work. Accordingly two new missionaries were commissioned by the Board at its late meeting, to labor in Oregon, in fields to be assigned to them by the Classis of Portland. They came from the Pilger-Mission of St. Chrischona, at Basel, Switzerland, and are highly recommended for the work by Inspector Rappard. Their names are A. Kreuter and F. Ewald. Pastor Gantenbein says that, in addition to the points which he has been trying to hold until relief should come, there are yet a dozen prominent cities and German settlements of great promise to our church on the north Pacific coast, as yet untouched by us, which we should take possession of soon, before it is too late. Appropriation, last year, \$250. Pastor, John Gantenbein.

Salem.—The annual report of this mission has failed to reach us, and so we cannot give statistics. The missionary serves two small congregations of Germans, one at Salem, the capital of the State, which is still without a church, and the other at Waldo Hills, which completed its church during the year for something over \$500. He preaches at other points, in school-houses and private houses. Latterly he has been preaching regularly at Mehannah, a summer resort, which in the course of time might be made the centre of a new missionary field. He continues to explore the country, to visit from house to house, and to encourage his fellow-countrymen to wait in faith until Providence sends them a shepherd to gather them into the folds of their own church. Appropriation, last year, \$250; this year, \$200. Pastor, Jacob Muellhaupt.

Canby, Clackamas Co.—Under the Board 2½ years. Congregations, 3. Members, 70. Additions, 47. Gain, 43. Baptisms, 5. S. S. scholars, 39. Local objects, \$400. During the past year the pastor, Rev. Julius Lange, organized two new congregations, one at Oregon City, and the other at

New Era, seven miles distant. The first, the St. Peter's Church, owns three acres of land, on which there is a parsonage, which serves at present as a house of worship. The second, the St. John's Church, has taken measures to put up a new church for its use. An eligible piece of ground has been donated for the purpose, and subscriptions in money, labor and material secured. As the people are mostly beginners, and still poor, the Board, in accordance with the request of the Portland Classis, has contributed \$50 to encourage and assist in this movement. The small church erected by the congregation at Meridian, referred to in last year's report, has been finished, and is now paid for. It is worth \$650 at present, and in a short time it will be worth considerably more. Brother Lange, owing to fewness of laborers in the field, has preached at various other points within the bounds of the Classis. His health, which had somewhat suffered in consequence of his arduous labors, has, we are glad to report, been restored to him. Appropriation, last year, \$200; this year the same. Pastor, Julius Lange.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Walla Walla.—This mission was supplied for some time by Rev. George Maechtersheimer. During the past year, by the advice of his Classis, he was induced to transfer his labors to another place in the Territory. The field is still vacant, and, as it is an important one, efforts will be made to supply it with a suitable missionary, it is hoped, at an early day. Appropriation last year, \$200, Vacant.

Seattle, Puget Sound.—By the advice of the Portland Classis, Mr. Maechtersheimer was commissioned to labor as missionary at this point. He was well received by his fellow-countrymen, and his prospects of success in this field are encouraging. Appropriation, \$200. Pastor, George Maechtersheimer,

Ursinus Union.—The Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer of the Church and Committee of the Ursinus Union, reports that since the last annual meeting of Synod he has received for missionary purposes, \$760.49. Three hundred dollars of this amount has passed through the hands of our Treasurer for the support of a mission under the care of the Board. The balance has been paid into the Treasuries of other missionary boards of the church.

SUMMARY.

Number of missions.....	45
Members in the missions.....	4,159
Baptisms during the year.....	470
Additions during the year.....	588
Sunday-school scholars.....	3,406
Amount collected for benevolence.....	\$932
" " local objects.....	\$18,929
Cost of property.....	\$164,000
Indebtedness	\$27,450

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From the treasurer's report it will appear that the income of the Board during the year, from all sources, was \$12,220.85. To this, however,

must be added over \$1,000, received by the treasurer for the Washington Chapel, not included in the income as given above. The amount then would be \$13,294. Last year the income was \$15,403, which was larger than usual, because many of the contributions came in the form of thank-offerings for the return of peace and reconciliation in the church—supposed to be \$5,000. The difference between the receipts of the two years is less than was anticipated, and the income during the past year was larger than during any previous ordinary year. There was due our missionaries in salary, on the first of October, \$4,000, with a balance in the treasury of \$1,240.

The following statement of the income of the Board for missions in former years—since 1860—may be interesting and instructive at the present time :

Income from	1860 to 1865—five years.....	\$28,538
"	" 1865 to 1869, from the whole church, all the Synods.....	42,487
"	" 1869 to 1873, from all the Synods.....	19,616
"	" 1873 to 1877, from three Synods, on the tri-Synodic plan.....	36,315
"	" 1877 to 1881, on the tri-Synodic plan cont'd	46,019

For the coming year the Board will need \$15,000 at least—more if possible—in order to meet current expenses ; for which we suggest that the three Synods interested be requested to adopt measures to raise the following amounts :

The Synod of the United States.....	\$8,500
The Synod of the Potomac	3,750
The Synod of Pittsburgh.....	2,750

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That the Synods request each congregation within their bounds, to take up one collection during the year, for the purpose of creating a Church Building Fund, to assist missions to erect churches, either in the way of a loan or a donation.

That the Synods request all the ministers and pastoral charges to be more careful hereafter, that the assessments made for missions be more fully met.

That missionary festivals be held in each Classis, and in the different congregations ; that missionary societies be organized and encouraged in each congregation or Sunday School ; that missionary intelligence be diffused in all our churches, and our people be urged to give more liberally, so that our missionaries may be more promptly paid and encouraged in their work.

A RETROSPECT.

As the period for which the Superintendent of Missions was appointed by the three Synods, conjointly, comes to a close during the present year, it is proper at this time to make a brief review of our missionary work during the period of time he has been in office. It is a matter of encouragement to the Church that the cause of missions has been prospered, and that it has not been without manifest tokens of the divine avor.

Most of the missions reported four years ago, are still under the care of the Board. Only a few of them have become self-sustaining. Others, to a greater or less extent, are approaching to the point when they will be able to provide for themselves. The most marked feature of our missionary work during that period of time is found in its enlargement or expansion. Following, what were deemed clear indications of Divine Providence, the Board established a number of new and interesting missions. The mission at Johnstown, from an humble and inauspicious beginning, has grown up and is making cheering progress, having secured for itself a church of its own, not encumbered with any remaining debt. Other missions have been established within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod—at Latrobe, New Castle, and more recently at other points, which, however, have not as yet, been supplied with missionary pastors. St. Luke's mission, at Lancaster, Pa., which grew out of a Mission Sunday-School, was commenced in 1879, and has been successful in erecting for itself a new Church, with no large amount of indebtedness resting on it. The present missionary at Emporia, Kansas, was commissioned in the year 1879. He organized the flock, which had been gathered together by his predecessor, into a congregation, and has been successful in putting up a neat church for its use, whilst he has explored different parts of the State, and visited various places where members of the Reformed Church have settled. Quite recently the Board has sent out another missionary to co-operate with him in building up the waste places of our Zion in that State. Last spring a missionary was commissioned to the neighboring State of Nebraska, where he finds many members of our church, among whom he proposes to build up missionary churches. The Mission in San Francisco became self-supporting some three years ago, and it soon became necessary for the Board to commission another laborer to assist in carrying forward the work of missions among the Foreign Germans in San Francisco and suburbs. Four years ago we had only two missionaries in Oregon and Washington territory; now we have four, and we will have six, as soon as two, from the Missionary Institute of St. Chrischona, Basel, now in this county, shall have reached their field of labor. The first mission in Oregon was started about six years ago at Portland. It is now nearly or quite self-supporting—a source of encouragement and hope to other missions growing up around it. The increase of laborers on the Pacific Coast led to the formation of two Classes instead of one. The Mission of Middlebrook, Va., has become self-supporting, and a new one established in the neighborhood. In North Carolina, three new missions have commenced within the past year, which it is hoped will assist in reviving and strengthening our Church in the South.

But whilst we have endeavored to provide for the spiritual wants of our people in the West and the South, and in smaller towns and villages in the East, we have not overlooked the destitution of our larger cities. Over one year ago we undertook to assist the eastern German Board in sustaining a German mission in the city of New York; have lately commenced a promising English mission in Philadelphia, and are just about adopting measures to establish one in the city of Baltimore. It is only the want of means that has prevented us from having an English mission in the city of Boston, and extending our work among the foreign Germans in New England. The mission in Washington, D. C., is now in its fourth year, and has encouraging prospects of permanence and success. All this shows, that, limited as our resources are, we can, with

prudence and care, extend our work also into our large cities, and build up churches for our people, who are continually flowing into them from the country.

As system and order are necessary in carrying forward the work of missions—just as much as in any other enterprise—it has been a primary object with the Board to encourage and foster missionary societies in our congregations and Sunday-schools. During the last four years many of these have sprung up in all directions, and have proved themselves to be a blessing to the churches, as well as perennial sources of increase to our missionary treasury. To supply these societies with missionary intelligence, as well as to awaken still more the missionary spirit among our people, a monthly missionary paper has been published under the direction of the Board, which, if properly encouraged, cannot fail, as we believe, to become one of the most potent agents in advancing our missionary interests.

From this brief review, as well as from what has appeared in our reports from year to year, it will appear that the cause of missions is advancing—making some progress among us. As a consequence, our people are becoming more interested in this department of benevolence, and their liberality is improving. During the last four years the entire amount raised for missions, as reported regularly through our treasurer was in round numbers \$46,000. The amount actually contributed, but not so reported, was considerable. It would be difficult to give the precise amount. During the previous four years the amount reported was \$36,000, showing an increase of \$10,000 during the second term of what has come to be known as the Tri-Synodic Plan.

But whilst these facts go to show that the Reformed Church in the East has made a good beginning in its missionary enterprises, it should, however, be remembered that it is only a beginning. Our increasing liberality has fallen far short of the providential openings, which God is making to us, and most manifestly inviting us to enter and cultivate. As a denomination we have the means—and we hope the heart also—of doing much more for our Divine Lord, who has done so much for us. We have, in fact, great reason to humble ourselves in the dust and to hide our faces in shame when we call to mind what we might do, and listen to the urgent calls that are made upon us for help in the many waste places of our country. It is a cause in which we can no longer stand still or be indifferent, without being guilty of the commission of a great sin, and of the perpetration of a great wrong upon those who call to us for help in their time of need. It is becoming more and more a matter that should cause ministers and members to fear and tremble, lest God should withdraw altogether the light of His countenance. Upon us, therefore, ministers of the gospel, the shepherds of the flocks, committed to our care, more especially, lies a solemn responsibility to cry aloud and spare not, until our Reformed Zion awakes from her slumbers, and puts on her strength and her beautiful garments.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL,

Superintendent of Missions.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 4, 1881.

II. REPORT OF TREASURER.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of the Board of Missions:—

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

I regret to announce to the Board, and through it to the Synods and the Church at large, that the finances are not in as promising a condition as at the date of my last annual report.

The contributions have fallen off very seriously during the year, being more than twenty-four hundred dollars less than during the previous year.

Some of the Classes have, it is gratifying to state, increased their contributions very handsomely, but others, alas, have come far behind.

The present indebtedness of the Board to the missionaries is nearly \$4000, towards paying which there is in the treasury a balance of \$1230.97, leaving an actual indebtedness of more than \$2700.

Unless the Church manifests more liberality during the present year, the number of missions must be reduced and the salaries of the missionaries cut down. Such a step is painful to contemplate, and it is earnestly hoped may be averted by God's people increasing their offerings so that His reign may be extended and His kingdom come.

The following statement exhibits the sources and amounts contributed for Missions, viz :

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia	\$ 116 00	
“ Tohickon	689 28	
“ Goshenhoppen	1536 75	
“ East Pennsylvania	809 45	
“ Lebanon	1529 61	
“ Lancaster	761 45	
“ East Susquehanna	353 00	
“ West Pennsylvania	662 20	
“ Lehigh	473 74	
Total from the Synod of the United States ———		\$ 6931 48

Synod of the Potomach.

Classis of Zion	\$ 387 15	
“ Maryland	910 12	
“ Mercersburg	1006 25	
“ Virginia	170 95	
“ San Francisco	15 00	
“ North Carolina	72 41	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac . . ———		\$ 2561 88

Synod of Pittsburg.

From the Treasurer of Synod	\$ 2062 49	
		11 555 85

Miscellaneous Sources.

From Locke legacy (principal)	\$ 500 00	
“ “ (interest)	135 00	
“ Adelaide Dechant legacy	24 00	
“ Gerhard legacy	6 00	
Balance in Treasury Oct. 11, 1880	963 86	\$ 1628 86
Total from all sources		13 184 71

Disbursements.

Paid orders of the Board during year	\$11 568 74	
Paid Treasurer Iowa Classis	35 00	
Paid Treasurer Iowa Classis per Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod	350 00	
Balance in the Treasury Oct. 11, 1881	1230 97	13 184 71

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.**Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 3, 1881.*

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church for that purpose, beg leave to report that we have examined the Treasurer's Report with the accompanying vouchers, and find it to be correct, with a balance of \$1230.97 in the Treasury.

Witness our hands this 3d day of October, 1881.

W. H. H. SNYDER, } *Committee.*
D. W. GROSS, }

ADDENDA.

The following sums were contributed by the different Classes during the Synodical year, for Washington Mission Chapel, viz :

Lebanon Classis	\$ 148 10	
Lancaster Classis	134 67	
Lehigh Classis	66 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	50 00	
West Susquehanna Classis	99 00	\$ 497 77
Virginia Classis	18 00	
North Carolina Classis	25 00	
Zion's Classis	105 40	
Mercersburg Classis	551 31	\$ 699 71
Miscellaneous		32 40
Total		\$ 1229 88

III. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The following report was received from the Committee on Missions, taken up item by item, and adopted :

The Committee on Missions respectfully report that the following documents have been referred to them :

1. The Fourth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions of the Tri-Synodic Board.
2. The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.
3. A resolution of the General Synod directing the attention of this Synod to this cause, and requesting increased activity in its behalf.
4. A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Missions requesting that the money collected at the missionary meetings held during our present sessions be paid to the Treasurer of the Board for the relief of our missionaries.
5. The First Triennial Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.
6. A resolution of this Synod regarding the statement before Synod of the Rev. Dr. T. S. Johnston, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, concerning the work of said Board.

1. *The Report of the Superintendent,*

Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel, gives a detailed account of the condition and progress of the missions under the care of the Board during the past year.

The number of missions is 47. Of these 26 are in Pennsylvania, 2 in Virginia, 3 in Maryland, 3 in North Carolina, 2 in California, 3 in Oregon, 2 in Washington Territory, and one each in Delaware, Washington City, New York, Kansas and Nebraska.

To carry forward these missions and the work presented by the continually widening field, money is needed. Besides an actual indebtedness of more than \$2700, at least \$15,000 will be needed to meet the current expenses alone during the coming year. Of this latter amount, your committee recommend that \$8,500 be assumed by this Synod. Therefore,

Resolved, That this sum be assessed on the Classes as follows:

Classis of East Pennsylvania	\$ 800
“ Lebanon	1 550
“ Philadelphia	550
“ Goshenhoppen	1 200
“ Tohickon	825
“ East Susquehanna	1 000
“ West Susquehanna	825
“ Lancaster	1 000
“ Lehigh	750
	\$8 500

II. *The Treasurer's Report.*

From this we learn that there is now due to our missionaries nearly \$4,000, towards paying which there is in the treasury a balance of only \$1,230.97, leaving the above named indebtedness of more than \$2700 resting on the Board. These debts must be paid. The missionaries must have bread, clothing and shelter for themselves and families. Owe no man anything is the dictate of the Holy Ghost, and the enlightened Christian conscience. The following Classes fell short in the payment of their last year's assessments:

Classis of Philadelphia	\$ 434 00
“ Tohickon	137 72
“ Lebanon	20 39
“ East Susquehanna	147 00
“ West Susquehanna	162 80
“ Lancaster	238 55
“ Lehigh	276 26
Total arrearages	1 914 72

Two Classes—the East Pennsylvania and the Goshenhoppen—overpaid their assessments.

In reference to this general subject your Committee suggest the following action:

Resolved, 1. That the cause of Home Missions be commended to the prayers and liberality of the Church.

2. That a Synodical missionary meeting be held in this church on Monday evening, October 24th, at which a collection for Home Missions is to be taken up and paid, according to the request of the Board (under item 4 of this report) to the Treasurer for the relief of our missionaries.

III.

Items 5 and 6 embrace the subject of Foreign Missions. The printed document embodies, besides the report proper of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church, the list of the officers and members of the Board—its charter, order of business, form of bequest, constitution, report of the Treasurer, &c. Your Committee are pleased to note the prosperous financial condition of the Board, the sum of \$21,075.18 having

been paid into its treasury, of which \$17,721.70 have been disbursed, leaving a balance of \$3,350.48 in the hands of the Treasurer.

Another feature presented by the above named document is that the Board has already received several legacies from friends of the cause. Such gifts will, in all probability, continue to flow into the Lord's treasury. The gold and silver—the earth and the fullness thereof—are His. We too are His. And when mites and millions are cheerfully and lovingly offered to Christ, then will the kingdom come and the heathen be given to Him for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

But the Board needs now, and will continue to need not only money but men. A single young man is desired to be an assistant to our missionary in his foreign field. It is important to secure an unbroken succession of workmen in the mission; so that should one of the men be overcome by the heat and burden of the day, the other might continue the work till support could come. In view of these recited facts your Committee suggest the following action:

Resolved, 1. That the Classes in arrears be requested to make prompt payment of the amounts they still owe on former assessments for Missions.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod request all the ministers and pastoral charges to be more careful hereafter, that the assessments made for missions be fully met.

Resolved, 3. That this Synod recommend the holding of missionary festivals in each Classis and in the different congregations; that missionary societies be organized and encouraged in each congregation, missionary intelligence diffused in all our churches, and our people urged to give more liberally so that our missionaries may be more promptly paid and encouraged in their work.

Resolved, 4. That this Synod recommend each congregation within its bounds to take up one collection during the year for the purpose of creating a Church Building Fund to assist missions to erect churches, either in the way of a loan or a donation.

Resolved, 5. That we commend the cause of Foreign Missions to the prayers and liberality of the Church.

Resolved, 6. That the question of sending a second missionary to the foreign field be commended to the prayerful consideration of our Classes and Congregations, in the hope that the Lord, who knoweth the hearts of all, may be pleased to show whom, if any, He hath chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship. Look out among you a man of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint to the ministry of the Word in Japan; and

Whereas, There are important advantages in employing native converts in the Foreign Mission work in their respective countries; and

Whereas, There are already many native Japanese studying in the Colleges and Seminaries of other Churches in the United States, (and onesuch in our own Franklin and Marshall College), with a view to the Christian ministry; therefore

Resolved, That this Synod request the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church to consider the propriety of taking under their care a native Japanese youth (either the one now at College, or some other one that may present himself), and preparing him for the mission work of our Church in his native land.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC K. LOOS,
L. K. EVANS,
CHAS. KANTNER,
CHRISTIAN GAST,
J. B. LEINBACH,
JONES DETWILER.

} Committee.

Dr. Thos. S. Johnston, Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions, presented to the Synod a number of copies of the First Triennial report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,—with a brief address, in which he gave an interesting statement of the success that crowned the efforts of the Church in this department of Christian benevolence. In regard to this matter Synod adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with great pleasure the interesting statement of the Rev. Dr. T. S. Johnston, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, in regard to the work of the Board, and the subject of Foreign Missions, as embodied in the triennial report of this Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The term of the Missionary Superintendent having expired, the President of the tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions submitted a double number of Candidates, which was referred to the Committee on Nomination. The election was held, and the tellers reported through the President that it resulted in the choice of Rev. Henry Mosser, to serve for four years from the 1st of January, 1882.

The Missionary Meeting provided for in the report on Missions was held on Monday evening. Addresses were delivered by Rev. P. S. Davis, D. D., Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D., and D. E. Klopp, D. D. In accordance with the request of the Board of Missions the money collected at this meeting was paid to its Treasurer to be applied for the relief of our Missionaries.

IV. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The following persons were elected the Board of Missions to serve four years, from January 1st, 1882:—

Revs. Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., W. H. H. Snyder, John O. Johnson, I. K. Loos and Thos. J. Barkley; Elders Geo. W. Hensel and Wm. H. Seibert.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Trustees of Synod submitted their Annual Report, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report. It was received and referred to the Committee on Finance, except the nominations for filling the vacancy occurring in the Board, which were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened at Danville October 19, 1881.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board begs leave to present the following report:

The Board is composed of the following members:

James T. Raber, whose term expires January 1, 1882
 Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, " " " " 1883
 John J. Nissley, " " " " 1884
 Rev. C. S. Gerhard, " " " " 1885
 R. F. Kelker, " " " " 1886

As James T. Raber's term will expire January 1, 1882, we propose the names of John F. Orth, of Reading, Pa., and George H. Small, of Harrisburg, Pa., as suitable candidates to fill the vacancy.

The following resolution was passed by the Board at its late meeting :

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Synod respectfully calls the special attention of Synod to that part of the Treasurer's report which relates to the arrearages of certain Classes on Synodical apportionments for the contingent and sinking funds.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. SNYDER, *President*.

JOHN J. NISSLLEY, *Treasurer*. *In account with the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

1880.		DR.	
Oct. 18,	To Balance in Treasury		\$ 90 80
" "	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		19 20
" 30,	" Cash from East Penna. Classis, per Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Treas.		60 00
1881.			
Jan. 21,	" Cash from East Susquehanna Classis, per Geo. Hill, Esq. Treas.		65 00
" 27,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		8 00
April 5,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		11 00
May 3,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		21 00
" 13,	" Cash from Tohickon Classis, per I. G. Gerhardt, Esq., Treas.		55 00
July 13,	" Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. T. F. Johnston, D. D., Treas.		115 00
Aug. 20,	" Cash from Classis of Lehigh, per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treas.		65 00
Sept. 21,	" Cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treas.		45 00
" 24,	" " Tohickon " " I. G. Gerhardt, Esq., Treas.		54 00
" "	" " Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		38 01
" "	" " Cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treas.		14 00
Oct. 4,	" " Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Esq., Treas.		88 00
			<u>\$749 01</u>
1881.		CR.	
Jan. 3,	By Cash paid Jas. T. Raber, Esq., Travelling Expenses		\$ 2 35
" "	" " Rev. C. S. Gerhart, " "		1 45
" 24,	" " S. R. Fisher, D. D., salary as Stated Clerk,		
" "	Translating Minutes, Postage, &c.		126 25
" "	" Cash paid Reformed Church Pub. Board, on acct. of Printing Minutes of Synod for 1880.		93 00
Carried forward			<u>\$223 05</u>

	Brought forward	\$223 35
May 13,	" Cash paid Reformed Pub. Board. bal. in full for Printing Minutes of Synod	165 00
June 13,	" Cash paid Rev. F. A. Gast, Expenses to Mercersburg	6 83
Oct. 4,	" " W. D. Gross, Esq., Treasurer General Synod, balance due on Assessment at Lancaster, Pa.	340 00
" 10,	" Balance	14 13
		<u>\$749 01</u>

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

1880.		DR.	
Oct. 18,	To Balance in Treasury		\$409 05
" "	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		10 07
" 30,	" Cash from East Penna. Classis, per Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Treas.		50 00
1881.			
Jan. 21,	" Cash from East Susquehanna Classis, per Geo. Hill, Esq., Treas.		115 00
" 27,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		15 85
April 5,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		24 50
May 3,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		71 35
" 13,	" Cash from Tohickon Classis, per I. G. Gerhardt, Esq., Treas.		55 00
July 23,	" Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. T. F. Johnston, D. D., Treas.		110 00
Aug. 20,	" Cash from Classis of Lehigh, per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treas.		60 00
*Sept. 21,	" Cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treas.		25 00
" 24,	" " Tohickon " " I. G. Gerhardt, Esq., "		50 00
" " "	" " West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		33 00
" " "	" Cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treas.		35 00
Oct. 4,	" " Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Esq., Treas.		85 00
" 10,	" Cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treas.		20 00
			<u>\$1168 82</u>
1881.		CR.	
Jan. 21,	By Cash paid W. H. Seibert, Esq., Treas. Board of Missions, 6 Months' Interest on \$2500.00 loan to Jan. 9, 1881		\$ 75 00
" "	" Cash paid same on acct. of Principal of said Loan		500 00
July 23,	" " Wm. H. Seibert, Esq., Treas. Board of Missions, 6 Months' Interest on balance of Loan		60 00
Oct. 4,	" Cash paid Wm. H. Seibert, Esq., Treas. Board of Missions, on acct. of Principal of Loan		500 00
" 10,	" Balance		33 82
			<u>\$1168 82</u>

The undersigned, appointed a committee to audit the account of John J. Nissley, Esq., Treasurer of Synod, certify that they have compared his vouchers, and find it correct; and that there remains in his hands a balance due Contingent Fund of \$14.13, and Sinking Fund, \$33.82.

Harrisburg, Oct. 12, 1881.

C. S. GERHARD,
W. H. H. SNYDER.

SEMINARY AND GERHART FUND.

1880.		DR.
Oct. 20,	To Cash from A. and S. Hoerner, 6 mos. interest on Cook Legacy	\$ 36 00
Jan. 4,	" Six mos. interest on Gerhart Legacy	9 00
" 25,	" Cash from Isaac Mumma, Esq., 6 mos. interest on Kieffer Legacy	125 00
Mar. 14,	" Cash from B. Wolf, Jr., 6 mos. interest on Kieffer Legacy, 135 00	
May 13,	" Cash from A. and S. Hoerner, 6 mos. interest on Cook Legacy	36 00
July 12,	" Cash from Isaac Mumma, Esq., 6 mos. interest on Kieffer Legacy, to Aug. 1, 1881	125 00
" 13,	" Cash 6 mos. interest on \$300 Harrisburg City Bonds, Gerhart Legacy	9 00
Aug. 11,	" Cash from B. Wolf, Jr., principal of Mortgage against Wm. Heyser (Kieffer Legacy)	4500 00
	" 122 days accrued interest on same	91 50
		<u>\$5066 50</u>

1881.		CR.
April 5,	By Cash paid John B. Roth, Esq., Treas. Theological Seminary, 6 mos. interest, Kieffer Legacy	\$260 00
" "	" Cash paid John B. Roth, Esq., Treas. Theological Seminary, 6 mos. interest, Cook Legacy	36 00
July 13,	" Cash paid Wm. H. Seibert, Treas. Home Missions, one year's interest on \$100 Gerhart Fund	6 00
" "	" Cash paid R. F. Kelker, Treas. Foreign Missions, one year's interest on \$100 Gerhart Fund	6 00
" "	" Cash paid Chas. G. Fisher for use of Board of Education, year's interest on \$100 Gerhart Fund	6 00
Aug. 12,	" Expense to satisfy Wm. Heyser, Mortgage	4 00
" 20,	" Cash paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, interest on Kieffer Legacy	212 50
" "	" Cash paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, 6 mos. interest on Cook Legacy	36 00
" "	" Balance	4500 00
		<u>\$5066 50</u>

The following Classes within the bounds of this Synod are in arrears, viz.:

<i>Contingent Account.</i>		<i>Sinking Fund.</i>	
1880 East Pennsylvania,	\$55 00	1879 East Pennsylvania	\$52 25
	<u>55 00</u>	1880 "	50 00
1878 East Susquehanna	80 00		<u>102 25</u>
1879 "	75 00	1878 East Susquehanna	95 00
1880 "	72 50	1879 "	85 00
	<u>227 50</u>	1880 "	67 50
1880 West Susquehanna	60 49		<u>247 50</u>
	<u>60 49</u>	1879 West Susquehanna	32 25
1876 Philadelphia . . .	60 00	1880 "	67 50
1877 " . . .	65 00		<u>99 75</u>
1878 " . . .	75 00		
1880 " . . .	59 00		<u>\$449 50</u>
	<u>259 00</u>		
	<u>\$601 99</u>		

Reverend Fathers and Brethren :—In presenting this, my third annual report, I beg to state that there have been no changes made in the investments of Synod during the past year, excepting that the mortgage against Wm. Keyser, of \$4500, constituting a part of the Kieffer Legacy, has been paid and is in the hands of the Treasurer awaiting re-investment.

The Treasurer is pleased to inform Synod that he has been able during the past year to pay off the balance of \$340 due the General Synod, on assessment at Lancaster, Pa., and also paid \$1000 on account of principal of \$2500 loan for use of Publication Board.

The Treasurer is also pleased to inform Synod that some of the Classes have heeded the request of Synod, and paid their assessments in full. Others are still in arrears for a number of years, and in one case not anything has been paid during the past year.

Very respectfully submitted,
JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer*.

Hummelstown, Pa., October 17, 1881.

The following report was received and adopted ;—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the following items were referred to us for consideration :

1. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Synod.
2. A resolution of the Board of Trustees of Synod calling attention to that part of the Treasurer's report which relates to the arrearages of certain Classes on Synodical apportionments for the Contingent and Sinking Funds.
3. An apportionment to this Synod by the General Synod of \$1,080.00 to meet the expenses of the meeting at Tiffin, Ohio.
4. A resolution of Synod assuming \$1,500.00 of the indebtedness of the Board of Publication to the estate of N. Fisher.

Your Committee examined the Treasurer's report and find a balance of \$47.95 in the Treasury, of which amount \$14.13 is credited to the Contingent Fund, and \$33.82 to the Sinking Fund.

The Treasurer reports that he has paid the \$340.00 which had still been owing the assessment of the General Synod at Lancaster, Pa., and also the gratifying fact that he has been able to pay \$1000.00 on the loan effected for the use of the Publication Board. This leaves a balance of \$1,500.00 of the original loan unpaid. Of this amount your Committee deem it proper to apportion \$500. The Treasurer further states that he holds in his hands, awaiting re-investment, the sum of \$4,500, the same being a part of the Kieffer legacy, received by the payment of the mortgage held against Wm. Heyser.

The following arrearages on the Contingent and Sinking Funds are also reported by the Treasurer :

		<i>Contingent Fund.</i>	<i>Sinking Fund.</i>
East Pennsylvania Classis,	1880	\$ 55 00	
	1879		\$ 52 25
	1880		50 00
		55 00	102 25
East Susquehanna Classis,	1878	80 00	95 00
	1879	75 00	85 00
	1880	72 00	67 50
		227 50	247 50
West Susquehanna Classis,	1880	60 49	
	1879		32 25
	1880		67 50
		60 49	99 75

Philadelphia Classis,	1876	60 00
	1877	65 00
	1878	75 00
	1880	59 00
		259 00

Making a total of \$601.99 for Contingent Fund, and \$449.50 for Sinking Fund.

In view of the fact that the Board of Trustees by way of the resolution referred to your Committee calls special attention to these arrearages we would suggest the following action :

Resolved, That Synod request those Classes which are in arrears to Contingent and Sinking Funds to take such measures at their next annual meetings as will assure a speedy payment of such indebtedness.

Assuming the apportionment of \$1.080 by the General Synod, \$400 as the amount necessary to meet the current expenses of the present Synodical year, \$500 for the Sinking Fund, together with the \$1500 additional assumed by Synod, provision will have to be made for \$1.480 for Contingent Fund, and \$2.000 for Sinking Fund.

In order to meet this your Committee recommend the following apportionment.

	<i>Contingent Fund.</i>	<i>Sinking Fund.</i>
East Pennsylvania Classis . . .	\$ 184 00	\$ 240 00
Lebanon Classis	414 00	540 00
Philadelphia Classis	81 00	105 00
Lancaster Classis	92 00	120 00
East Susquehanna Classis . . .	173 00	225 00
West Susquehanna Classis . . .	104 00	135 00
Goshenhoppen Classis	138 00	180 00
Tohickon Classis	150 00	195 00
Lehigh Classis	207 00	270 00
	1543 00	2010 00

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM,
J. K. MILLETT,
G. W. HENSEL,
CHAS. HARTZELL,
G. S. SORBER.

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the Classes of Lancaster and East Susquehanna desired to be relieved of a portion of the Synodical assessment for Home Missions. The request was granted.

An election was held to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod. Revs. Jos. H. Dubbs, D.D., and L. F. Zinkhan were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the results through the President. The election resulted in the choice of John F. Orth, of Reading, Pa.

Revs. Thomas N. Reber and S. B. Scheaffer were appointed a committee to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents from each member of Synod to defray the immediate contingent expenses of Synod. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your committee, appointed to collect an assessment of 25 cents from each member of Synod to pay for expenses incurred at the present meeting, beg leave to report,

That the work of the committee has been attended to, and that they have realized the sum of seventeen dollars, which has been paid to the pastor, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.

Respectfully submitted,

T. N. REBER.

In the report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, instruction is given by the General Synod to the District Synods to pay their respective shares of a claim due George Gelbach. And whereas no official statement is given of the amount due Mr. Gelbach, therefore :—It was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to discover the amount of brother Gelbach's claim, and embody the same in his next annual report.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the question of Synodical assessments for Missions and other purposes and report at the next annual meeting of Synod upon what basis such assessments shall be made.

The Committee consists of Revs. C. S. Gerhard, H. Mosser, I. K. Loos, J. Kehm, and Elder Wm. K. Gresh.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on Minutes of Classes in regard to the items contained in their report under the head of Irregularities was affirmed.

In regard to several omissions by the Committee on the Minutes of Classes appointed by Synod a year ago the following action was taken :

WHEREAS, The Committee on Minutes of Classes, appointed by the Synod at Meyerstown in 1880, failed to report the Licensure of certain brethren, and the ordination of another brother, therefore :

Resolved, That the present Committee on Minutes of Classes for the year 1881, be authorized to attend to the duty, overlooked last year, and enter the names, together with the facts, of licensure and ordination under a note, headed, "Items overlooked at previous sessions of Synod."

As reported by the Committee on Minutes of Synod, the General Synod will hold its next triennial sessions in the Third Reformed Church of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, on the Wednesday before the second Sunday of May A. D. 1884, at eight o'clock, P. M.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of Synod. .

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

There being no report received from the Sunday-School Board the following action was taken :

Resolved, That in view of the fact, that the Sunday-School Board has failed to send an annual report of its work to this Synod, the Stated Clerk be instructed to call the attention of said Board to this neglect and remind it of the action of Synod of 1878, page 50, on this subject.

The discussion on questions pertaining to the Sunday-School took place on Friday evening. The services were presided over by the Rev. J. W. Steinmetz. The first subject, namely, the "Responsibility and Influence of the Sunday-School Teacher," was discussed by Rev. J. K. Millett. The second, "Methods of Teaching and Lesson Helps," by Rev. A. B. Stoner, and the third, "Sunday-School Music," by Rev. J. D. Detrich. These were followed by several volunteer speakers. The discussions were quite interesting.

The nomination of candidates to fill the vacancy in the Board was referred to the Committee on Nominations, who reported a double number of candidates. The election was held, and resulted in the choice of the Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The annual report of the Board of Publication was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Publication. The report is as follows :

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Annual Report of the Board of Publication from August 1st, 1880, to July 1st, 1881.

To the Synods of the United States, the Potomac and Pittsburgh, the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States respectfully submits the following report :—

The Board during the year has held one special and three regular meetings. At each due attention was given to the interests entrusted to their charge. It takes great pleasure in reporting a continued improvement in its affairs. In all of the departments there has been an increase of receipts, and in the case of some of the Periodicals—as last year—the increase has been very decided. Only two of the latter have suffered a decrease in the number

of subscribers, viz.:—*The Reformed Quarterly*, to the number of 27, and the monthly *Child's Treasury*, to the number of 490, less than last year, whilst in the others, the increase over all discontinuances is very considerable, showing a gradual and permanent gain. The following is the excess of additions over discontinuances in each case: *Messenger*, 276; *Guardian*, 249; *Child's Treasury*, (semi-monthly), 674; *Sunshine*, 932; and *Lesson Papers*, 1768. In the case of the *Messenger* it may be remembered that the number of subscribers it now has, is for the double sheet alone, so that in comparing the number of subscribers with that of last year, we find the increase is all told a small fraction over one thousand (1000). Also in the case of the *Child's Treasury*, whilst there has been a decrease in the number of subscribers for the *Monthly*, there has been a corresponding increase in those of the *Semi-monthly*.

In the Book Department, as a whole, there is an improvement. There seems to be a more general disposition on the part of the ministers and members of the Church to give it their patronage. And this they certainly owe to it, since it is the establishment of the Church, and, that not for the benefit pecuniarily of any particular individuals, but for that of the Church. There is still, we are sorry to say, a disposition on the part of too many to give their patronage to outside parties and ignore altogether the claims of their own Publication House. The Board would here emphatically reiterate the fact, that it has the ability and facilities for supplying any book or books at the same rates at which they can be had at any other house. Nothing, verily, is saved to the parties thus giving their orders to other houses, whilst it is that much gain to our own house, if they favor it with them. During the year, 31,850 copies of books, &c., were printed for this department.

The usual Committee to whom is assigned the special duty of taking an account of stock and investigating the financial condition of the establishment, was appointed. They attended to their duty and submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

"Brethren of the Board of Publication:

"Your Committee appointed to take account of stock and report upon the assets and liabilities of the Board, respectfully offer the following. We find the Book department in good condition. We still have a considerable amount of unsaleable stock on hand, on much of which we place no estimated value. There is also some of the stock that has depreciated in value, which we reduced accordingly in our estimate of assets.

After throwing out all stock as valueless upon which we could not realize at once, and deducting for depreciation of stock and all bad or doubtful accounts, we find the *Assets* to be in sum total \$42,949 47

Real Estate 35,000 00

\$77,949 47

Liabilities, ... \$34,434 48

Mortgage, ... 20,000 00

54,434 48

Excess of assets \$23,514 99

We are glad to be able to say that our expenses are now fully within our own income, and that the prospects are, we will be able gradually to reduce our liabilities even after paying the heavy amount of interest to be met annually on mortgage and loans.

All our Periodicals are now self-sustaining, and some of them pay a handsome profit, which meets the interest account.

The wholesale department of the Book Store is also paying well, but the retail department falls considerably short of expenses, if we count reasonable rent for store room on second floor.

Through the energy of our attorney, Daniel H. Wingerd, Esq., a large amount has been collected on old accounts. We heartily recommend that the good work be continued without respect to persons, until all the old accounts be collected up.

The outlook is very encouraging, if the Synods will allow us to go forward in our own way, and our ministers and members will give us their confidence and patronage.

J. W. LOVE,	} Committee.
A. B. WINGERD,	
GEO. GELBACH,	

Whilst it is the pleasure of the Board to report thus encouragingly of the interests under its charge, it is made to have feelings of sadness, when it here chronicles the fact that ere its present financial year had reached its close, its Superintendent and Treasurer, Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D.D., was stricken down in the midst of his labors, and called up higher. Though death met him far from his home and the scene of his many years labor for the Church, he fell at his post of duty. It may well be said, that the present encouraging condition of the affairs of the Board, is mainly owing to his untiring energy and pronounced business qualifications, not to say, to his lifelong devotion and unselfish interest in the Publication affairs of the Church he loved so well, and for which he labored so abundantly. Verily, the Church will never know how much he has done and sacrificed in this particular, and owes him a great debt of gratitude for whatever she has to-day in the way of Publication interests. He closed his earthly career in the 72d year of his age, on Whitsunday (June 5th), 1881, in Tiffin, Ohio, whither he had gone to attend the meeting of the General Synod. His remains were borne to Chambersburg, and deposited in the Cemetery of the Reformed Church, alongside of beloved dead, there to await the resurrection morn.

Immediately upon the announcement of the death of its Superintendent and Treasurer, the Board, at the call of its President, met at its rooms in special session, June 16, 1881. It recognized the life and character of its late Superintendent and Treasurer, by adopting the following minute:—

The Board of Publication has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., in Tiffin, O., on Whitsunday. His intimate and long continued association with the Church has endeared and familiarized him to the great body of its members, and his intimate and cherished relations with this Board gained for him the confidence and love of all who compose it. Identified with the ministry of his Church for nearly fifty (50) years, and connected with its Publication interests for more than forty (40) years, the Church most sensibly felt and keenly appreciated his usefulness as pastor, preacher, editor and manager of its publications. Even "in a good old age," "his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated." "He died in his harness," while engaged upon an important work for the Church, which, if he had been spared to complete, would have crowned his life of useful industry.

"As a shock of corn cometh in his season," has he been gathered by the Great Harvester to his eternal reward. "Neither shall his place know him any more on earth," but on the records of the Church, and in the hearts of its members, his memory shall be unfading. Where dwell the just made perfect, is the spirit of our dead brother and friend.

The Board at the same time requested the Rev. T. G. Apple, D. D., to fill the place of Synodical Editor of the Eastern Synod, made vacant by the death of Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., until the next meeting of the Synod.

The Board also appointed Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, who had been his father's assistant for the past fifteen months, as its Superintendent and Treasurer until the meeting of Synods. Hence the business of the Board has gone on without any interruption and with usual care and attention, as the annual statement accompanying this report will show.

The Board, as has been mentioned in the report of the Committee of the Board, has been able to collect a goodly portion of its outstanding dues, and in this particular much is due to the Attorney of the Board, Daniel H. Wingerd, Esq. The Board has directed the Superintendent to push the matter of collections, so as to bring its business more and more to a cash basis.

The General Agent, H. K. Binklev, has met with signal success in adding to the number of subscribers to "*The Messenger*" during the year. The Board asks for him the earnest and hearty co-operation of the brethren of the Church, whose charges he may visit from time to time in the prosecution of the work he has undertaken—a work that concerns the whole Church.

The Board during the year accepted the resignation of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, as Editor of the "*Child's Treasury*," and appointed Rev. R. L. Gerhart, as his successor, who has already entered on his duties.

The Board has resolved to issue during the coming year, two (2) grades of Lesson Papers—Advanced and Primary. In order to have a uniform and satisfactory series of Lessons and Comments for the Church, the Board would respectfully ask the Synods to allow it to see to the editing and preparation of the same for the coming year.

At the Special Meeting of the Board held last June, it was informed of the disposal made by its late Superintendent and Treasurer, in his last will and Testament, of his original investment and advances as Treasurer, viz.: "that if the Board so wished, \$15,000.00 of the sum total should remain for the use of the Board for 15 years, provided, good security should be given for its payment at the end of that period and that the interest be regularly paid." The Board by way of arriving at a settlement with the Executor of the Estate—as to the actual amount due said estate, found it to be—up to June 16. h. 1831, principal and interest, \$17,886.66.

In the same will, the late Superintendent, devises to the Board of Publication, the Stereotype plates and Copyrights of his books published by the Board, viz.: "Exercises on Heidelberg Catechism," "Heidelberg Catechism Simplified," and "Family Assistant."

Among the liabilities of the Board were two notes amounting to \$2,900.00, held by the Estate of Mrs. N. Fisher, dec'd, of which Hon. John Cassin is Administrator. The Administrator having informed the Board by letter that it was his desire to settle up the estate as soon as possible, the Board made provisions for the immediate payment of the same, by making a loan through a note for four (4) months, thrown in bank, endorsed by individual members of the Board. The Board would respectfully request the Synods to make arrangements for providing the Board with funds sufficient to cancel the loan thus made when it becomes due, in the usual proportions from each Synod.

The term of service of D. W. Gross, one of the Trustees from the Synod of the United States, and that of Rev. J. W. Love, from the Synod of Pittsburgh, will expire on Jan. 1st, 1882. Hence it will devolve upon these two Synods to fill the vacancies that will thus occur in the Board at their Annual Sessions.

D. W. GROSS, *President*.

CHAS. G. FISHER, *Secretary pro tem*.
Philadelphia, Sept. 27th, 1881.

The following report was received from the Committee to superintend the publication of the "*Hausfreund*," and referred to the Committee on Publication:

TO THE REV. SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE U. S.

The Committee on the publication of the *Hausfreund* would respectfully offer the following report with regard to said paper:

The *Hausfreund* continues to be published every two weeks. The paper is not only self-sustaining, but during the year \$100 was appropriated out of its surplus funds to Home Missions. The paper has over 1,900 subscribers.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. STEINMETZ, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Publication to whom the foregoing reports were referred, submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, amended and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows :

Your Committee on Publication reports: That we received the annual report of the Board, an itemized statement of its receipts and disbursements during the year ending Aug. 1st, 1881, and of its liabilities and assets on the same day, and a report of the *Hausfreund* Committee. From these papers we learn,

a. That the condition of the Board improved during the past year. The subscription list of the different periodicals, with two exceptions, has not only been maintained, but increased.

b. That the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board, Rev. Saml. R. Fisher, D. D., died during the year, and that his place has been filled by appointing his son, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, as its Superintendent and Treasurer, till the present meeting of Synod.

c. That the late Rev. Saml. R. Fisher, D. D., directed in his last will and testament, that with the consent of the Board \$15,000.00 of his original investment and advances shall remain in the hands of the Board for its use, provided good security be given for its payment at the end of 15 years from date and the regular payment of interest thereon.

He has also generously bequeathed to the Board of Publication the stereo-type plates and copyrights of his books, viz., "Exercises on the Heidelberg Catechism," "The Heidelberg Catechism Simplified," and "The Family Assistant."

Your Committee recommend the following resolutions for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That Synod has heard with pleasure of the appointment of Rev. Chas. G. Fisher by the Board, as its Superintendent and Treasurer.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod has heard with pleasure from the Board of the provision made in Dr. Fisher's will whereby, if desired by the Board, it may have the use of \$15,000.00 subject to certain conditions.

3. *Resolved*. That in addition to the amount already provided for in the Sinking Fund the sum of \$1,500, this Synod's portion of \$2,900, due the estate of N. Fisher deceased, be included in the assessment for the Sinking Fund, and the Committee on Finance be instructed to apportion the same at the present sessions of Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Publication be and hereby is authorized, to select a person to prepare the Sunday-School Lesson Papers for the coming year.

5. *Resolved*, That Synod accepts with feelings of thankfulness the stereo-type plates and copyrights, bequeathed to the Board by the late Rev. Saml. R. Fisher, D. D.

6. *Resolved*, That the Periodicals and Publications of the Board be recommended to the members of the Church for their support, and that the pastors and officers of our congregations be requested to co-operate with H. K. Binkley, the General Agent of the Board, in procuring subscribers for the Publications of the Church.

7. *Resolved*, That the *Hausfreund* be heartily recommended to the favor of the German members of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. STRASSBURGER,
S. B. SCHAFER,
N. Z. SNYDER,
I. G. BROWN,
JAMES T. REBER,
B. F. BAUSMAN.

The election to fill the vacancy in the Board was held and resulted in the election of James T. Reber for the term of four years from the 1st of January 1882.

A vacancy having occurred on the Editorial Staff in the death of the Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., Synod entered into an election, which resulted in the choice of Jno. H. Sechler, as Synodic Editor.

As the eminent services of the late Rev. Saml. R. Fisher, D. D., came prominently before the mind of Synod in the consideration of the Report on Publication, it was resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to draw up a minute expressing the feeling of this Synod in regard to his untiring labors for the Church, and the loss it has sustained in his decease. The committee consists of Revs. T. C. Porter, D. D., D. E. Klopp, D. D., J. Kehm, and Elders Jones Detwiler and Wm. R. Gresh.

The report was read and adopted by a rising vote. It reads as follows:

Your Committee appointed to draft a memorial in regard to the death of the Rev. Saml. R. Fisher, D. D., which occurred at Tiffin, Ohio, on the 5th of June, 1881, during his attendance at the sessions of the General Synod, report as follows:

Resolved, That we hereby express our profound regret for the loss of our venerable brother, Saml. R. Fisher, D. D., who, for a period of more than forty years, has discharged, with eminent ability and fidelity, the difficult duties of the office of Stated Clerk to this Mother-Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States.

Resolved, That we hereby bear testimony to his high Christian character, his sterling moral integrity in his business relations and his devoted zeal to the best interests of the Church of his fathers.

THOS. C. PORTER, D. D., *Chairman*,
D. E. KLOPP, D. D.,
J. KEHM,
JONES DETWILER,
WM. R. GRESH.

The committee appointed a year ago consisting of Revs. Geo. Wolff, D. D., I. K. Loos, and J. S. Vandersloot, to confer with similar committees from the Synod of Pittsburgh and of the Potomac with reference to plans for promoting the success of the publication operations, reported that probably through a failure to notify the aforesaid Synods, no committees were appointed for this purpose, and consequently no work done toward this end. The committee was discharged.

Synod was informed that the Stated Clerk had complied with its instructions in regard to the publication of the Minutes of its last annual sessions.

The following resolutions were adopted in respect to the publication and distribution of the Minutes of the present sessions :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have seventeen hundred copies of the Minutes of the present sessions duly authenticated, published ; twelve hundred in the English and five hundred in the German language.

Resolved, That Rev. C. G. Fisher be requested to distribute the Minutes of Synod, to the different Classes, on the basis of assessment of contingent fund.

The Committee continued by the Synod of last year to co-operate with a similar committee from the Synod of the Potomac, in the preparation of the "Hymns for the Reformed Church of the United States," with music, submitted the following report, which was read and referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. Kehm, Geo. W. Hensel and D. M. Wolff. The report read as follows :

Your Committee appointed to prepare an edition of the Hymn Book with music beg leave to report :

That the work of selecting suitable tunes for the hymns—a work equally apportioned between your Committee and the Committee appointed by the Synod of the Potomac—has at length been completed: it only remains now for the Synod to determine, whether, in view of the action of the General Synod held at Tiffin, appointing a committee "to provide a Hymn Book for the use of the whole English portion of the Church," it is expedient, at this time, to incur the expense of publishing a book, which the next General Synod will set aside. Should it be deemed best to await the action of the General Synod's Committee, which is instructed, "to complete its work and report no later than by the next triennial meeting of the General Synod," the results of the labors of your Committee would be preserved as material, for any future Committee, that might be appointed to prepare an edition of the proposed Hymn Book with music. Respectfully submitted,

F. A. GAST,
W. E. KREBS,
EDW. J. ZAEM.

The Committee, appointed by Synod, to whom the above report was submitted, read their report, which was adopted. The report is as follows :

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the Hymn Book with music beg leave to report :

That they have carefully examined the paper placed in their hands ; but in view of the action of the General Synod on this subject, they do not feel satisfied, to recommend to Synod, at the present, to order the publication of such an edition—on the other hand, they do not think, under existing circumstances, that the committee ought to be discharged.

We therefore recommend to Synod the following action :

WHEREAS, This Synod does not, at present, see its way clear to order the publication of an edition of the Hymn Book with music, therefore

Resolved, That, this Committee be continued until the General Synod shall have disposed of the Hymn-Book question.

Resolved, That this Synod appreciates the care and labor bestowed, by the Committee on the Hymn Book with music, and returns its thanks to them for the faithful performance of their duty.

Respectfully submitted,

J. KEHM,
D. M. WOLFF,
GEO. W. HENSEL.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod reported an item requesting Synods and Classes carefully to examine the revised Constitution, as published in the Minutes of General Synod, and to give an expression of opinion on certain proposed changes in our practical Church government.

This subject was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. I. E. Graeff, N. Z. Snyder, Geo. P. Hartzell, Elders Geo. W. Hensel and Win. K. Gresh. A report was presented by the Committee, and after some discussion, the report was laid on the table until the next Annual Meeting. The report is as follows:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the proposed revised Constitution of our Church, find it proper to say that the General Synod asks a careful examination and consideration of this revision of our organic law, and desires especially to have an expression of opinion relative to the three following points, viz.:

First it is proposed to have the General Synod meet annually, instead of triennially.

In view of the fact that this body is to be numerically small, and that it is to have jurisdiction only in matters of general interest, we deem it proper that the proposed change should be given a careful consideration.

In the second place it is proposed to have the district Synods elect the delegates to the General Synod, instead of the Classes.

As this change seems to be necessarily involved in the adoption of the first one, we may be allowed to suggest that this also is entitled to our thoughtful consideration.

The third point on which we are asked to give an opinion is, the concentration of Church work on Boards appointed by the General Synod.

Although this measure is not necessarily the result of the two previous ones, may still be regarded as their normal outcome and completion, and as calculated to unify and strengthen our benevolent operations. Hence this change also should receive our calm and enlightened consideration.

We are not prepared, at this time, to go into any detail in reference to all the changes proposed in the revision, and therefore we limit our judgment to the points already mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

I. E. GRAEFF, *Chairman*.

The recommendation of General Synod to add another column to the present statistical table, giving the estimated valuation of the Church property of the several congregations and charges of the Church, is referred to the consideration of the Classes.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following paper was received from the President and Superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D., J. A. Peters, T. J. Barclay, Jones Detwiler, Jas. T. Reber.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

(*Statement of Bethany Orphans' Home.*)

Fathers and Brethren: The Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., ask leave to submit to your reverend body the following statement:

During the past year the Lord has again bestowed many blessings on our Home. We have had no case of serious illness among the inmates. The deportment of the orphans has been highly commendable. On last Good Friday five of their number were confirmed as members of the congregation. During the year a number were dismissed from the Home, and new ones were received. At present we have 66 orphans in the institution.

The farm yielded encouraging crops—290 bushels of wheat, 198 bushels of rye, 439 bushels of oats, 350 bushels of corn, 15 bushels of buckwheat, 150 bushels of grapes, 150 bushels of potatoes, 30 tons of hay, and pasture for 10 head of cattle, 25 bushels of peaches, 25 bushels of apples, and all the vegetables for the use of the Home.

It affords us great pleasure to report that the whole of the cash payment (\$4000) still due on the property, with one year's interest, has been entirely liquidated. The receipts for current expenses during the year were smaller than they have been for years past, and were not sufficient to pay the necessary outlay. For a number of years a floating debt, incurred chiefly by making needed improvements, has accumulated to the amount of \$2,800. The Board deeply regrets the existence of the only remaining incumbrance, and earnestly appeals to the friends of the Home to help us remove it.

By reason of a lack of funds, we still can admit but a small proportion of the fatherless applicants. We scarcely know what construction to put on the diminution of our receipts during the past year. Times have been improving. Money certainly has not been as scarce as in the preceding years. Yet there has been a falling off of support. We cannot fill our building with orphans unless we receive, along with them, the needed means of support. Please send us help, that we may enlarge and extend the benign influence of this Home.

B. BAUSMAN, *Pres. Board of Managers.*

D. B. ALBRIGHT, *Superintendent.*

The Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BETHANY ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee to whom was referred the statement of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, and the action of the General Synod on the general subject of Orphans' Homes, would respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the documents committed to their charge, and are rejoiced to learn that the debt formerly resting upon the real estate of Bethany Orphans' Home has, during the past year, been entirely liquidated, and that the cultivation of its farm has been attended by an encouraging de-

gree of prosperity. We regret, however, to be informed that there is still a considerable floating debt to be provided for, and that the contributions recently received have been so small as to be insufficient to meet the necessary current expenses. The latter fact would seem to indicate a lack of zeal, owing, perhaps, in part, to a mistaken impression that the prosperity of the institution is so great as to enable it to dispense with the liberal contributions of former years.

Under the circumstances your Committee would beg leave to propose the following action :

Resolved, 1. That the success which has attended the earnest and self-denying labors of the Managers, Superintendent and other friends of Bethany Orphans' Home, calls for devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father, and urges us to renewed efforts in behalf of this noble charity.

Resolved, 2. That the cause of the orphans be specially commended to the sympathy and liberality of pastors and churches, and that they be requested to take up collections for this purpose during the Christmas festival.

Resolved, 3. That the Classes be requested to take measures to increase the amount of their contributions to the Orphans' Home, so that its benevolent operations may be enlarged, and that the congregations be recommended, if possible, severally to determine the *minimum* amount of their annual contributions, so that the institution may be in some degree assured of a reliable and regular income.

Resolved, 4. That this Synod suggest to the Board of Managers of the Bethany Orphans' Home, that they issue an appeal in the form of a circular, to each pastor in this Synod and in the Synod of the Potomac, and to the friends of the orphan cause in other Synods of the Church, for special collections from congregations and Sunday-schools, and donations from individuals at the next Christmas Festival, for the benefit of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DUBBS,	} Committee.
J. A. PETERS,	
T. J. BARCLAY,	
JONES DETWILER,	
JAS. T. REBER.	

In the discussion of the Orphan Cause, the subject for caring for indigent persons was brought into consideration, thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee of five, three ministers and two elders, be appointed, who shall take into consideration the advisability, on the part of the Church, of taking some steps for the purpose of caring for indigent persons of our communion, and that the Committee suggest some plan looking to this end and report at the next Annual Meeting of this Synod. The Committee consists of Revs. P. S. Davis, D. D., D. E. Klopp, D. D., I. K. Loos, J. J. Nisley, Jas. T. Reber.

An overture from Northern Illinois Classis was submitted to a committee consisting of Revs. J. H. Derr, I. E. Graeff and J. J. Nisley, who presented the following report, which was adopted. It reads as follows :

REQUEST OF THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Your committee, to whom the request of the Northern Illinois Classis was referred, beg leave to report the following action for adoption :]

This Synod sincerely sympathizes with the brethren of the Northern Illinois Classis in their desire and attempt to establish a college within the territory of their Classis, and believes that such an institution, properly funded and internally fitted out, would indeed prove an unspeakable blessing to our Church in that portion of the West, centering in the proposed locality, as well as to the general public in that portion of our country. In view, however, of the heavy demands upon the financial resources of this Synod at this time, as regards, more especially, its publication and missionary interests, it feels itself reluctantly constrained to refuse the request, in its present form, of said Classis. In doing this, however, the Synod does not wish to bar the door against granting such a request in the future, especially as soon as undoubted evidence is presented to it of proper efforts having been made to call out the means of that portion of the Church directly interested in, and contiguous to such an enterprise, and the plan for its general internal equipment has been properly submitted, accompanied by proper assurances of its certain ultimate success.

Meanwhile this Synod calls the attention of brethren possessed of wealth to this request of Northern Illinois Classis for aid in erecting and founding a college at Foreston, Illinois, as presenting an opportunity of the highest and noblest order for the exercise of their benevolence, and for so investing their wealth as to cause it to bring an unspeakable blessing to the Church and the world for coming generations. Such an institution, properly endowed and equipped, planted in the portion of Illinois indicated in this request, and under the auspices of the Reformed Church, would prove a light-tower to guide thousands to a haven of peace, who would rise up in the day of judgment to bless the munificent donor, or donors.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA H. DERR, *Chairman.*

In connection with this report the following instruction was given :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to immediately transmit to the Corresponding Secretary of Northern Illinois Classis a copy of the report of the special committee to which was referred the request of said Classis in reference to sending an agent into our territory in the interests of a college, to be located at Foreston, Illinois.

On the fifth day of the Sessions of Synod, Rev. I. H. Torrence, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, was introduced to Synod, who presented a number of documents, and addressed the Synod briefly on the Bible cause, whereupon the following action was taken :

Resolved, 1. That this Synod has heard with pleasure the remarks of the Rev. I. H. Torrence, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

Resolved, 2 That the subject of the Bible cause and the documents be referred to a special committee of three to report a minute on this subject during the present Sessions of Synod.

The committee consists of Rev. J. O. Johnson, J. D. Detrich and Jones Detwiler.

The committee presented the following report, which was adopted. It read as follows :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the Pennsylvania Bible Society and its work would respectfully present the following report :

The Pennsylvania Bible Society distributes the Scriptures amongst the destitute of all nationalities and in several languages. In the homes of the poor

and of non-church-going people, in railroad depots, cars and boats the Word of God would seldom be seen or heard were it not for the labors of this Society. The placards of sin are flung broadcast, and are posted before the eyes of old and young; and the people of God do well, by a free distribution of the Sacred Scriptures, to counteract the influence of such advertisements of evil.

When the Bible Societies began their good work in the early part of the nineteenth century, Bibles were comparatively scarce; but now six or seven million copies of the Word are published annually. In view of the great success of these Societies we "rejoice, yea, and will rejoice." Their work is auxiliary to that of the ministry of the Word, and is worthy of the confidence and co-operation of the Church. Therefore,

Resolved, That Synod invokes the blessing of God upon the Bible Society, and prays for its continued usefulness.

Resolved, That Synod commends it to the liberality of our congregations, and to the co-operation of all our members.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. JOHNSON,

J. D. DETRICH,

JONES DETWILER,

} Committee.

The Committee on Nominations, to whom had been referred so much of the reports of the Trustees of Synod and the Board of Publication, as related to the filling of the vacancies occurring in these Boards; a communication from the secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, in regard to the vacancies occurring in that Board; several letters received in reply to telegrams sent by the Corresponding Secretary, and such other nominations as are usually made for the election held by Synod, submitted their report, on the afternoon of the fourth day of the Sessions. The report was received and adopted. The election was made the order of the day at 10 A. M., on the fifth day of the Sessions, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to have the requisite number of copies of the Nominations printed for the use of Synod.

The election was held at the time appointed.

The President appointed Dr. J. H. Dubbs, Geo. S. Sorber, L. F. Zinkhan, P. Y. Shelly and S. S. Kohler as tellers. These received the ballots as the roll was being called—counted them—and reported the results through the President as found recorded in each case in its appropriate place, except the filling the vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, which resulted in the choice of Hon. J. B. Livingston, Geo. W. Hensel and John Heilman.

Mr H. K. Binkley, agent of the Church Periodicals, who has been so successful in soliciting subscribers for the "Messenger" and "Hausfreund," was introduced to Synod. Having received permission to address the Synod, he presented his cause to the members of this body in such a manner as proved that he was thoroughly in earnest, and to assist him in his work he solicited the hearty co-

operation of all ministers and elders to give our Church papers a wider circulation.

On the fifth day of the Sessions, Rev. I. K. Loos, M. L. Fritch and Elder B. F. Bausman were appointed a Committee, through whom all applicants for absence shall be presented to Synod. They reported from time to time such applications as were made to them for absence, when in each case the Synod was brought to a direct vote on them.

The request of Lebanon in regard to marginal references, was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. T. J. Barclay, T. O. Stem and J. B. Leinbach, who presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred the request in regard to marginal references, report that it is the opinion of this Synod that there should be a sufficient number of marginal references to indicate the leading subjects in the body of the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARCLAY, *Chairman.*

A number of tracts on the office of Deaconess were placed in the hands of the President for distribution. The President appointed Rev. L. J. Mayer to distribute the same among the delegates of this body.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the congregation of the Shiloh Reformed Church through its pastor, and to the citizens of this community, for the kind and hospitable entertainment received by the members of this Synod during its present Sessions.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to tender the thanks of this Synod to the different railroad companies for permitting the members of Synod to pass over their roads at reduced rates of travel.

The roll was called and none were found absent without permission. The minutes were read, adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet in Annual Sessions in the Reformed Church at Bellefonte, Centre county, Pa., on the second Wednesday in October, A. D., 1882, at 7 : 30 P. M.

The members of Synod gathered around the chancel, sang a hymn, repeated the Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer in unison, and were dismissed by the President with the Apostolic Benediction.

JON. W. STEINMETZ, *President*.

JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original minutes.

JON. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Funerals.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Schls.	Stu. for M.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
																Benev. Pulp.	Conn. Pulp.	
Cyrus J. Becker,	2 Howertown,	540	400	54	2	35	10	490	6	2	24	4	350			\$175 00	\$840 00	Catasauqua, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle,	3 Farmersville,	600	290	52	26	5	445	8			23	6	180			148 00	1,445 00	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Isaac K. Loos,	1 Bethlehem,	540	430	43	23	36	450	5		5	22	1	340			280 00	2,700 00	do do
E. W. Reinecke, D. D.,	3 Plainfield,	800	450	54	1	44	500	1			23	3				199 00	1,040 00	Nazareth, do do
Robt. Lisberger,	3 St. Peter's,	307	164	70	9			260			13	3	305			26 00	2,300 00	Bath, do do
Martin A. Smith,	3 Dryland,	775	600	26	1	1	5	500	5		16	3	375	1		200 00	1,400 00	Nazareth, do do
T. C. Porter, D. D., LL.D.,	1 3d st. Ch. Easton, Pa.	425	250	14	3	18	9	318	5		6	1	306			1,546 00	2,934 00	Easton, do do
Charles A. Kittenhouse,	Without charge,																	Trappe, Montgomery do
Horatio Daniel,	do do																	Nazareth, Northampton do
Daniel Y. Heisler,	1 Grace Ref. Easton,	85	65	13		5	6	74			7	1	121	1		45 00	600 00	Easton do do
T. O. Stem,	1 St. Mark's Easton,	240	112	30	1	23	18	210	8		6	1	250			85 00	1,400 00	do do do
Charles Becker,	Without charge,																	Weisport, Carbon do
Thomas A. Huber,	4 Brotheadville,	675	602	79	32	530		530	3		45	6	400	1		93 00	1,500 00	Brotheadville, Monroe do
Joseph E. Freeman,	4 Weisport,	593	350	76	59	349		349		3	3	11	466			119 00	2,162 00	Weisport, Carbon do
John J. Critt,	1 Salem's Ref'd.	140	90	16	1	8		129			11	1	150			43 00	1,094 00	Catasauqua, Lehigh do
H. H. W. Hibeckman, D. D.	4 Mount Bethel,	500	370	30	15	470		470			32	13	7	425	3	109 00	1,400 00	Stone Church, Northampton do
J. E. Smith,	3 Moore Township,	625	464	46	30	4	402	30			26	3	375			95 00	1,127 00	Bath do do
James W. Mabry,	2 Kreidersville,	760	550	55	73	3	525	1			32	6	425			179 00	1,643 00	Cherryville, do do
M. H. Mabler,	5 Hamilton,	252	388	63	31	182		182	2		31	7	247			59 00	500 00	Scioto, Monroe do
W. D. C. Rodrock,	Without charge,																	
I. K. Loos, supply,	1 Rittersville,	121	95	31	21	2	93	2				9	1	65		26 00	160 00	Bethlehem, Northampton do
N. Z. Snyder, supply,	1 Freemansburg,	133	85	19	6	4	96	3	5		2	1	110			34 00	1,100 00	South Bethlehem, do do
T. A. Fenstermaker, Lic.,																		
Jonah Wolbach, Lic.,																		
A. F. Krost, Lic.,																		
T. M. Balliet, Lic.,																		
		8,111	5,755	771	9	461	110	6,023	49		42	339	66	4,890	6	\$3,461 00	\$23,745 00	

LEBANON CLASSIS—CONCLUDED

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Comm'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Resured.	Deaths.	B. School.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
				Inf'.	Adults											Rev'y.	Cong'l.	
Deacon,	2 1st Church, Pottsville,	250	200	12		17	2	240	7			4	2	200	1	\$ 70 00	\$ 700 00	Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
G. Neff,	1 Trinity, Shenandoah,	240	50	30		12	12	125				15	2	250			1,000 00	Wenona, Minn.
f. Peters,	Without charge,																	Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.
C. Becker, D. D.,	Superintended,	649	425	66	4	23	4	445	2			3	6	485	1	61 75	1,546 00	Schaeferstown, Lebanon do
William R. Bartholomew,	4 Schaeferstown,	445	250	30	1	19	12	345	5			4	4	275		255 00	1,050 00	Jonestown, Lebanon do
Joseph Schlapplig,	4 Swatara,																	Hamburg, Berks do
John J. Fisher,	Without charge,	505	300	60		25	12	225	1			31	1	150		193 00	1,330 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do
M. Christman,	3 Trinity, Tamaqua,	280	180	18		18		185				8	3	200		11 00	440 00	Minersville, Schuylkill do
Jersey V. Schelly,	3 St. John's, Hamburg,	471	200	27		47		353	1			28	3	305		50 00	748 00	Hamburg, Berks do
I. S. Metzger,	5 Pine Grove,	485	340	28		31		295				12	5	260		21 25	1,540 00	Pine Grove, Schuylkill do
Tobias Kessler,	3 Leesport,	335	95	28		7		290				7	2	105	1	34 10	525 00	Leesport, Berks do
J. U. Wolff, supply,	3 Womelsdorf,	500	300	7		18		380	5			12	3			85 70		Leesport, Berks do
Charles H. Coon,	Without charge,																	Boston, Mass.
L. W. Steinmetz, supply,	1 Birdboro,	60	50	6	1	8		45				1				90 00		Boston, Mass.
J. E. Biery, Licentiate,	State Supt Com Sch'ls,																	Orf-field, Lehigh Co., Pa.
S. E. Higber, D.D.,																		Lebanon, Lebanon do
Total, 40.		18,326	11,081	1,389	39	865	235	13,473	121	3	118	669	114	10,905	9	\$8,241 23	\$47,215 73	

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CLASIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Unconf'd		Bapt's		Confirmed	Certificate	Commund	Dissmised	Excom.	Deas.	B. Rebools	Sta. for M.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Members	Unconf'd	Infants	Adults									Besey.	Comp.	
Jesse B. Knipe, supply,	1 St. Vincent,		200	30	4	1	1	160						1	\$ 30 00	\$320 00	Chester Springs, Chester Co., Pa.
Daniel Feels,	Without charge,																do
J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	1 St. Luke's,		220				3		4	1			1	90	1230 00	877 00	Norristown, Montgomery do
Henry W. Super, D.D.,	Prof. in Ursinus Col.,																do
Peter S. Davis, D.D.,	Editor "The Mes'r.",																do
Joseph Hannaberry,	1 Ridgely Mission, Md.,		55	27	4			44	2			2			6 00	60 00	907 Arch St., Phila., do
do do	1 Qu-en Anne, do		11	20	2			9				2				35 00	do
do do supply,	1 Talbot, do		12	16	10			12								100 00	do
Charles W. Schelke,	Superannuated,		330	65	24		8	10	285	8						48 00	Camden, N. J.
D. Ernest Klopp, D.D.	1 Trinity, Phila.,		203	95	9		9	23	165	5					5766 00	3,836 00	1541 N. 7th St., Philad., do
Geo. H. Johnston,	1 Christ Ref. Church,																do
Marwell S. Rowland,	Without charge,																Spring City, Chester Co., do
Charles G. Fisher,	Aest. Supt. Pub. B'd.,		219	32	9	2	19	5	187	5					320 00	4,000 00	907 Arch St., Phila., do
David Van Horne, D.D.,	1 First Ch., Race Str.,																do
William C. Hendrickson,	Without charge,																1140 Mt. Vernon St., Phila., do
Eusebius H. Diefenbacher,	do																Bristol, Bucks Co., do
John Van Haagen, Lic.,	Prof. in Ursinus Col.,		200	80	7	1	8	6	165	2					60 00	1 700 00	Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.
Henry M. Kieffer,	1 Ascension,		160				8	6	142	2					75 00	700 00	Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa.
Jediah D. Detrich,	1 White Marsh,		140				16	4	132	1					4 00	500 00	Norristown, do
do do supply,	1 North Wales,						12	5	8	132							do
John H. Seohler,	1 Boehm's,		219	127	29	5	13	7	189	3					113 00	1,100 00	Centre Square, Mont. Co., do
Uriah Weidner,	1 Pleasantville,		259	42	5	5	6	190	4						87 00	735 00	Chalfont, Bucks Co., do
James I. Good,	1 Heidelberg,		300	159	13	5	29	31	280	2					55 00	5,663 00	1515 N. 19th St., Philad., do
David W. Ebert,	1 St. John's, W. Phila.,		165	50	7		1	110							29 00	2,238 00	Spring City, Chester Co., do
J. Samuel Vanderloot,	1 East Vincent,		92	45	15	4	3	5	60						10 00	700 00	4042 Haverford Av., Philad., do
Abram B. Stoner,	1 Trinity, Norristown,		86	36	1	1	1	4	64	2					41 00	485 00	Norristown, Montgomery Co., do
George S. Sorber,	3 Brownback's,		47	155	6	10	18	9	307	1					98 00	960 00	Norristown, Chester Co., do
Levi D. Stambaugh,	1 St. Matthew's,		94	18	1	7	11	3	90	1					14 00	6,113 00	Uwehlan, do
Al. R. Thompson,	1 St. Paul's,		60	50	2	2	2	1	55	2					40 00	3,000 00	Lionville do
Newton J. Miller,	1 St. John's, Del.,		92	59	3	1	1	63							90 00	434 00	Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.
W. H. S. Secorow, Lic.,																	Waynesboro, Pa.

Total, 28.

23 3,534 1106 169 55 156 115 2,207 41 1 12 68 24 3,171 2 \$8,158 00 \$38,261 00

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Congrs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconbr'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Stu. of Min.	Benev. P'poses.	Congress' P'poses.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	P. A.
John G. Fritchey,		Without charge,																Lancaster City, Lancaster Co., Pa.	do
John W. Nevin, D.D., LL.D.,		Retired,																do do do	do
William T. Gerhard,		Without charge,																do do do	do
Emanuel V. Gerhard, D.D.,		1 St. Stephen's,	63	15	3	1	1	4	88	4						\$108 64	\$105 50	do do do	do
Theodore Appel, D.D.,		Sup't of Missions,																do do do	do
Alfred B. Shenkle,		Supply,																do do do	do
Samuel Kuhn,	4	Hanover,	244	107	4				197				4	90		25 00	271 50	Millersville, do do	do
Thomas G. Apple, D.D.,		Prof. in Theol. Sem'y,																Hummelstown, Dauphin do	do
Joseph H. Dubbs, D.D.,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																Lancaster City, Lancaster do	do
Frederick A. Gast, D.D.,		Prof. in Theol. Sem'y,																do do do	do
John A. Peter,		1 1st church, Lancaster,	345	150	25	1	10	6	315	11	10	14	1	300		337 00	1 633 00	do do do	do
William H. H. Snyder,		1 Salem, Harrisburg,	325	155	3	5	5	15	270	6				350		1 336 49	8 352 42	Harrisburg, Dauphin do	do
Darius W. Gerhard,		4 New Holland,	395	150	23	17	28	8	338	1	6	16	3	215		154 87	1 315 00	New Holland, Lancaster do	do
Joseph B. Shumaker,		1 St. Paul's, Lancaster,	268	125	6	1	6	3	234	6				281		444 00	1 588 00	Lancaster City do do	do
Stephen Schweitzer,		5 Reamstown,	689	175	61	3	27		595					110	1	142 30	736 00	Lincoln do do	do
Daniel C. Tobias,		4 Bethany,	375	210	26	6	15	10	300	1				150		50 50	500 00	Lititz do do	do
C. S. Gerhard,		1 Columbia,	172	125	28	4	11	6	138	7	6	5	1	215		72 34	930 00	Columbia, do do	do
James Crawford,		Rec. F. & M. Acad'y.,																Lancaster, do do	do
Geo. W. Snyder,		1 2d church, Harrisburg,	112	80	12	4	2	77	2					273		80 00	689 00	Harrisburg, Dauphin do	do
Jonath. H. Pannabecker,		2 Elisabethtown,	130	61	7	7	7		90					105		70 00	905 00	Elisabethtown, Lancaster do	do
John S. Stahr,		Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																Lancaster, do do	do
Wm. F. Lichter,		1 St. Luke's, Lancaster,	51	46	22	5	14	4	44					212	1	21 90	459 00	do do do	do
David B. Shuey		2 New Providence,	193	127	10	2	4	2	166					232		160 16	859 07	N. Providence, do do	do
Louis F. Zinkhan,		3 Manheim	165	54	5	5	16	3	125		12	3	2	200		155 00	926 00	Manheim do do	do
Jairus P. Moore,		2 Millersville,	297	95	14	4	5	12	219	3				170		220 00	885 00	Millersville, do do	do
Vacant,		1 Hummelstown,	74	72	3	1	2		55	4				65		100 00	325 00	Hummelstown, Dauphin do	do
S. P. Brown,		1 Marietta,	60	31	6	5	9	1	32		2	1	1	86		4 00	280 76	Marietta, Lancaster do	do
		Willow Street,	33	30	3	2	2		28					110		12 00	250 00	Willow Street do do	do
		Maytown,	97	80	3	4	9		70					110		11 23	176 00	Maytown, do do	do
		Wingsli,	60	75	2			6						35			652 00	Harrisburg, Dauphin do	do
Total, 26.	38		4,393	1,893	263	72	174	84	3,461	45			35	135	34	3,948	2 \$3,505 44	\$21,838 25	

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CLASSIN OF KANT IN QUEHIANA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificats.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Kroom.	Reserve.	B. Schools.	S.S. Sch'rs.	Sta. Min.	P. Cong.	Benev.	Post-Office Address.
udolph Duerger,	1 Ashland,	310	230	65	79	1	37	4	293	1	5	14	1	180	\$ 68 00	\$700 00	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
aron R. Hottenstein,	7 Mahanoy,	510	400	79	1	37	4	437	3	1	23	7	332	188 00	988 00	Greenbrier, Northumberland do	
fred Route,	4 Orangeville,	259	145	6	1	21	6	238	2	400	12	4	196	225 00	975 00	Orangeville, Columbia do	
ighman Derr,	4 Conyngham,	475	300	22							16	4	350	70 00		Conyngham, Luzerne do	
oury S. Basler,	6 Without charge,	700	260	86		60	1	429			38	6	260	109 00	895 00	Millersburg, Dauphin do	
William G. Engle,	6 Unlontown,	425	315	42	1	31	5	350			7	17	5	210	93 00	1250 00	Catawissa, Columbia do
eo. B. Dechant,	3 Catwissa,	430	320	17	2	10	380	5			10	3	320	235 00	14 00	McEwenaville, North'ber'd do	
ohn K. Millet,	3 Paradise,	331	250	35	2	18	2	325	3		12	6	250	136 00	22 00	Senbury, do do	
avid O. Shoemaker,	6 Augusta,	382	230	22	1	2	5	270	1		13	3	270	224 00	825 00	Millersburg, Dauphin do	
B. Kerschner,	2 Herryburg,	135	70	15		2	126				15	2	120	30 00	215 00	Elizabethville, do do	
bert S. Stauffer,	2 Without charge,	503	221	17	3	22	8	361	12		9	3	235	155 00	1735 00	Shamokin, Northumberland do	
ohn Casper J. Kurts,	3 Mt. Zion,	208	115	6	2	4	9	175	6		2	7	1	54 00	600 00	Turbottville, do do	
Albert Yearick,	1 Milton,	432	350	66	1	27	97	355	11		9	26	2	55 00	2450 00	Milton, do do	
omon B. Schafer,	2 W. Rebarre,	323	175	17	21	9	267	1			3	3	300	177 00	2659 00	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do	
rankin K. Levan,	3 Danville,	255	225	58	2	26	14	242	6		14	1	312	169 00	1,530 00	Danville, Montour do	
William C. Schaeffer,	1 Shamokin,	147										2		34 00		Shamokin, Northumberland do	
omas J. Haecker,	4 B. rwick,	208	130	7	1	15	6	170	1		4	1	155	70 00	900 00	Herwick, Columbia do	
baon S. Kohler,	1 Senbury,	42	15	7	1	4	38	35			2	1	28	65 00	72 00	Senbury, Northumberland do	
omas J. Barker,	1 M. to Plymouth,	137	84	9	1	18	4	105	4		1	4	1	123	133 00	600 00	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do
harlin C. Metcalf,	1 Bloomsburg,	260	270	31							6	3	150	40 00	40 00	Bloomsburg, Columbia do	
liver H. Strunk,	3 Ringtown,	400	310	43		15		310			19	6	290	38 00	850 00	Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., do	
William B. Seidue,	7 Deep Creek, e	177	15	7		1					4	2	130	13 00	450 00		
hristian Baum,	3 Overton,	131	80	5	6	22	1	109	2		4	1		35 00	150 00		
H. Strunk, supply,	1 Helier's,	202	436	24	1	20		141	1		16	3	140	24 00	200 00	Elizabethville, Dauphin do	
S. Stauffer, do	4 Armstrong Valley,	350												91 00			
	4 Wapwallopen,	50	40	1	8			50			1	1	40	7 00			
	1 Beninger's cong. †	35	20					30				1	20	3 00			
	1 Schellhammer's do †																

Total, 23.

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17,317 4701 691 23 406 226 6075 56 24 289 72 4796 2 82,641 00 \$22,644 00

Last year's report.

† Supplied by Rev. T. Derr.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Baptists.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Sch's.	Stu. for M.	Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.										Benev. Purp.	Conf. Purp.		
Z. Weiser, D. D.,	2 New Goshenhoppen,		950	480	45	3	47	34	892	1		33	2	556	1	\$771 00	\$1,000 00	East Greenville, Montg. Co., Pa.	
s L. Dechant,	4 Old Goshenhoppen,		700	25	46	5	58	4	806	7		29	4			193 00	1,000 00	do do	
. Mayer,	3 Boyertown,		853	613	47	46	4	750	6			35	1	150		232 56	2,035 00	Berks do	
er Evans,	1 Trinity Pottstown,		570	400	56	6	23	14	512	1		30	1	360		225 00	Pottstown,	Montgomery do	
I. K. Huber.	3 Wentz's,		744	310	20	8	16	4	595	6		27	2	250	1	245 25		Worcester, do	
e D. Leberman,	2 Pottstown,		550	32	32		5	482	3			1	4	200	1	136 39		Pottstown, do	
i. Schoedler,	4 Oley,		680	350	48	25	1	401	1			3	4	460	4	308 00		Oley Berks do	
er,	4 Zionville,		790	440	71	5	72	760	6			8	4	200		31 00		Zionville, Lehigh do	
Hoffman, supply,	2 Hill & Lohach's,		310	150	22	28	1	295				3	1			24 00		Boertown, Berks do	
J. J. Mohr, do	1 Chestnut Hill,		85	65	9	5		80										Quaker own, Bucks do	
erhart,	Without Charge,																		
Il. Herbet,	Licentiate,																		
	do																		
	do																		
Total, 14,		26	6,232	3,125	396	27	320	63	5,373	30		1	213	25	2,216	7	\$2,298 81	\$5,635 00	

CLASSIS OF TONICKON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infants.	Bapt's.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command.	Dismiss'd.	Kxcom.	Deaths.	N. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Fin. Min'y.	Contributions.	Post-Office Address.
						Adults.											
Ed Rothbrock,	2 Durham,		621	306	29	5	29	3	512	8		21	3	115		\$178 00	00 Kintnersville, Bucks
C. Gross,	2 Ridge Valley,		338	108	21	5	44	3	295		13	19	2	100		22 00	00 Schlichters, do
J. Sheip,	1 Salem Ref., Doylest'n,		130	90	5				110				1	90		12 00	00 Doylestown, do
J. Ziegler,	3 Keller's,		338	200	24	2	22	5	317	9		6	3	155	1	67 00	00 Engen, Nortoamptn
Ab Kenn,	2 Indian Creek,		925	465	36	3	26	5	198	3		30	3	350		206 00	00 Sellersville Bucks
haniel Z. Snyder,	2 South Bethlehem,		290	235	53	1	40	21	213	5	25	9	2	270		54 00	00 S. Bethlehem, Northampt.
nklin J. Mohr,	3 Quakertown,		505	250	37	3	20	25	445			23	3	315		167 00	00 Quakertown, Bucks
es G. Dangier,	3 Sellersville,		373	115	19	6	15	1	352	2	20	8	5	325		339 00	00 Sellersville, do
t. C. Weaver,	3 Friedensville,		555	230	55	1	37	2	414	1		40	6	185		97 00	00 Coopersburg, Lehigh
N. Roth,	3 Tinicum,		399	160	8	4	9	2	233	3	14	10	3	90		811 00	00 Erwinna, Bucks
I. Koplín,	3 Lower Saucon,		655	390	25		12	17	435	5		20	4	350	1	210 00	00 Hellertown, Northampt.
ry J. Welker,	2 Springfield,		363	155	24	3	28	14	315			10	4	300		141 00	00 Coopersburg, Lehigh
L. Hartsel,	1 Leitytown,		141	26	2		3	1	120	3	6	1	2	100		38 00	00 Cbalfont, Bucks
F. Seiple,	3 Hilltown,		473	354	18	1	22	2	391	3		8	3	316		49 00	00 Lansdale, Montgomery
L. Leinbach,	1 Riegelville,		185	120	8	2	6	6	160	1		10	1	230		161 00	00 Riegelville, Bucks
L. Snyder, supply,	1 South Easton,		146	80	5		10	12	101		6	2	1	110		73 00	00
L. Brendle, do	1 New Williams,		133	60	7		11	2	95			2	3	45		21 00	00
Total, 17.		36	5,569	3,334	376	36	334	114	5,390	13	84	219	49	3,176	2	\$1,894 00	\$17,510 00

CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Admits.	Confr'd.	Certificate.	Comm'd.	Dismiss'd.	Excom.	Brethren.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	B. S. Sch'rs.	Sin for M.	Rev. P.	Contributions.	Comp. P.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	4 Ziegl.	800	600	110	92	5	819	70	45	6	550	1	\$561 00	\$2,500 00	Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.				
J. S. Herman,	4 Fleetwood,	570	400	140	4	31	1	500	22	6	400	7	200 00	1,600 00	Kutztown, Berks do				
A. J. Herman,	7 Zion's,	600	304	70	46	5	000	1	24	6	400	7	128 00	7,000 00	Maxatwn, do do				
Wm. R. Hordford,	18 S. White Hall cong.,	260	130	13	38	1	220	11	3	250	1	130 00	425 00	Allentown, Lehigh do					
Abm. Bartholomew,	4 Mahoning,	560	340	82	23	440	7	27	14	1	155 00	1,900 00	Leighton, Carbon do						
N. S. Strasburger,	Without charge,	800	600	77	53	728	1	28	10	2	49 00	3,500 00	Allentown, Lehigh do						
E. J. Fogel,	4 Jordan,	500	400	30	47	2	495	1	29	7	36	3	215 00	1,500 00	Coplay, do do				
S. A. Leinbach,	8 Egypt,	471	193	22	27	13	360	11	7	1	300	1	343 00	4,998 00	Box 411, Allent'n, do do				
S. G. Wagner, D.D.,	1 St. John's, Allentown,	550	300	112	73	26	490	7	65	1	575	238 00	2,560 00	Allentown, do do					
L. K. Derr,	Without charge,	550	310	49	25	429	7	21	5	260	71 00	1,800 00	Lehartsville, Berks do						
Benjamin Weiss,	4 Lenhartville,	650	300	58	43	409	2	5	34	6	375	1	145 00	1,300 00	Macungie, do do				
James N. Reber,	Without charge,	770	450	85	30	1	600	2	3	30	7	600	2	95 00	1,500 00	Lynaport, do do			
Thomas N. Bachman,	4 Jacksonville,	285	224	30	16	2	221	9	15	2	280	1	70 00	835 00	Kutztown, do do				
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.,	Prof. State Nor. Sch.,	450	280	55	9	385	2	1	7	1	285	30 00	1,785 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do					
I. E. Graef,	1 Tamaqua,	256	200	29	26	38	225	1	7	1	285	30 00	1,500 00	Leighton, Carbon do					
W. J. Peters,	2 Sittington,	119	140	3	2	5	69	5	6	1	213	17 00	237 00	Box 1, Allent'wn, do do					
J. H. Herman,	1 Leighton,	450	200	11	30	375	2	50	00	900 00	Reading, Berks do								
J. W. A. Helfrich,	His Father's assistant,	700	300	16	16	6	300	20	1	305	717 00	1,701 00	Allentown, Lehigh do						
Wm. J. Kershner,	1 Christ's Ref., Allent'wn	150	100	84	11	3	1	120	1	4	130	5 00	850 00	do do					
John H. Leinbach,	1 Kutztown,	150	84	11	3	1	120	1	4	1	130	5 00	850 00	do do					
Edwin A. Gernant,	1 Zion's Ref., Allentown,	67	95	8	16	2	53	2	5	1	63	19 00	240 00	do do					
Supply Dr. Helfrich,	1 Lynton cong.,	90	45	17	17	72	72	3	2	3	2	18 00	175 00	Allentown, do do					
do B. Weiss,	1 Blanton do																		
do I. E. Graef,	1 Summit Hill de																		
do A. J. G. Dubbs,	1 Emsus do																		
do A. Bartholomew,	1 St. Peter's, do																		
Jacob S. Hartsell,	Licentiate,																		Allentown, do do

Total, 24.

9,548 5,995 1,021 9' 64 1109 7,901 98 9 417 87 5,271 13 \$3 754 00 \$38,896 00

STATISTICAL SUMMARY Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Minist'rs.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfr'd Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Scholars.	Students for the Min.	Benev. Purp.	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.	Confr'd.	Certific'd.										
East Pennsylvania,	24	43	8,111	5,755	771	9	461	110	6,023	49	5	42	339	66	4,800	6	\$3,461	\$25,745
Lebanon,	42	86	18,326	11,081	1,389	39	868	238	13,473	124	3	118	669	114	10,905	9	8,241	47,215
Philadelphia,	28	23	3,534	1,106	169	56	156	115	2,709	44	1	12	68	24	3,171	2	8,158	38,261
Lancaster,	26	38	4,393	1,883	263	72	174	84	3,481	45	35	35	135	34	3,248	2	3,305	21,838
East Susquehanna,	23	81	7,817	4,701	694	25	406	226	6,073	56	24	289	72	4,706	2	2,041	22,644	
West Susquehanna,	20	53	4,353	3,038	293	13	228	69	3,600	38	1	20	115	43	2,849	2	1,906	20,952
Goshenhoppen,	10	26	6,232	3,025	396	27	320	63	5,373	30	1	213	25	2,246	1	2,298	5,655	
Tohickon,	15	36	6,569	3,334	376	36	331	114	5,369	43	84	219	49	3,476	2	1,894	17,510	
Lehigh,	24	52	9,848	5,995	1,021	9	641	109	7,801	98	9	417	87	5,271	13	3,754	38,886	
Total, 9 Classes,	212	438	69,153	39,918	5,372	285	3,588	1,128	53,902	527	45	345	2,464	514	40,852	39	\$35,859	\$238,656
Synod of Ohio, 11 Classes,	152	302	21,673	10,323	1,099	340	1,162	724	18,003	306	38	374	414	235	17,725	19	18,816	114,050
Ger., Synod, North West, 11 Classes,	158	250	24,196	16,996	1,851	42	1,237	828	18,122	289	16	399	641	205	14,029	33	12,109	90,183
Synod of Pittsburgh, 5 Classes,	57	125	11,594	8,541	869	66	632	410	9,912	221	138	301	103	7,779	13	7,249	58,271	
Synod of the Potomac, 7 Classes,	132	271	27,837	18,259	1,808	172	1,228	574	23,132	352	122	769	235	17,641	23	15,238	105,262	
Ger., Synod, of the East, 5 Classes.	41	40	9,186	5,695	1,712	7	612	391	7,441	60	4	171	391	42	6,674	3,665	59,990	
Grand Total, 6 Synods, 48 Classes,	752	1426	163,669	99,732	12,711	912	8,459	4,055	130,512	1756	103	1549	4,980	1,334	104,700	127	\$92,037	\$666,444

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions, held in Bellefonte, Centre County, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Two. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the eleventh and closed in the afternoon of the fifteenth of the month.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened according to appointment in St. John's Reformed church, in Bellefonte, Pa., on Wednesday, October 11th, A. D. 1882, at 7:30 P. M. After the session was opened with religious services, the sermon was preached by the president, Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, from St. Luke 2, 17: The zeal of thy house has eaten me up.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers: T. O. Stem, J. E. Freeman, I. K. Loos, M. A. Smith.²
Elders: Thos. T. Miller, Amos Heller, S. N. Bachman,² Peter Loux.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers: J. E. Heister, D. D., A. R. Bartholomew, A. J. Bachman, D. B. Albright, George Wolff, D. D.
Elders: Lewis Kreamer, S. Boltz, Jas. T. Reber, D. S. Raber, Chas. Boner.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers: Jas. I. Good, J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., G. H. Johnston, J. H. Seehler, D. E. Klopp, D. D.
Elders: M. Bushong, H. C. Hoover, J. G. Brown, A. B. Cressman,² H. M. Housekeeper.²

 The figure at the end of the name indicates the day of the sessions on which the delegate took his seat.

The letters in their order indicate the day on which the delegate obtained leave of absence.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers: Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., J. H. Pennebacker, J. H. Dubbs, D. D., W. H. H. Snyder, S. Sweitzer.^{1,2}
Elders: Josiah Keen, J. J. Nissley,³ Jacob Gorgas,² E. J. Zahm.³

V. FROM THE EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

Ministers: Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, O. H. Strunek, T. J. Hacker, T. J. Barkley.³
Elder: J. R. Hilbush.

VI. FROM THE WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

Ministers: Rev. A. C. Whitmer, W. A. Haas, J. H. Derr, S. M. Roeder.
Elders: John Hoffer, George B. Jordan, E. B. Kramm,³ Jacob Dunkle.³

VII. FROM THE GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

Ministers: Rev. D. E. Schoedler,² L. K. Evans.⁴
Elders: D. B. Mauger, Nathan Zern.²

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

Ministers: Rev. F. J. Mohr, A. B. Koplin.
Elders: S. S. Weaver, Henry Weisel.¹

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

Ministers: Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Thos. N. Reber, J. H. Leinbach.²
Elder: Chas. H. Beiver.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following were present during one or more of the sessions:—

From West Susquehanna Classis—Rev. W. H. Groh, J. F. De Long, J. S. Stahr, Wm. M. Landis, Daniel M. Wolff, Wm. R. Yearick.

From the Classis of Philadelphia—Rev. P. S. Davis, D. D., Chas. G. Fisher.

From the Lancaster Classis—Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D., D. B. Shuey.

From East Susquehanna Classis—D. O. Shoemaker.

From Tohickon Classis—Lic. H. K. Binkley.

From East Pennsylvania Classis—Rev. H. H. W. Hibschan.

From Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburg—Rev. C. U. Heilman.

From Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburg—Rev. J. M. Evans, Elder D. Humphrey.

From Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac—Rev. J. David Miller.

Elder E. B. Kramm was succeeded on the 5th day by Elder H. A. Mingle.

Rev. W. H. Groh, as secundus, occupied the seat of S. M. Roeder on the 4th day.

From Carlisle Classis, Synod of Potomac—Rev. H. T. Spangler, and Elder George Hoobaugh.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following persons was announced at different intervals during the Sessions:

From the Lutheran Church—Rev. S. S. Furst.

From the Presbyterian Church—Rev. Wm. Lowery.

From the Episcopal Church—Rev. John T. Hewit.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Geo. H. Johnston was chosen *President*.

Rev. W. C. Schaeffer was chosen *Corresponding Secretary*.

Rev. John P. Stein is *Stated Clerk*.

Elder J. J. Nissley was re-elected *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the first ten pews from the chancel.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions:

The Morning Session to open at 9 and close at 11.30 A. M.

The Afternoon Session to open at 2 and close at 5 P. M.

An Evening Session was held on the fifth day of the Sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

Minutes of Synod:—Rev. J. E. Hiester, D. D., T. O. Stem, O. H. Strunk, and Elders Geo. B. Jordan and Amos Heller.

Overtures:—Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., A. R. Bartholomew, J. H. Pennebacker, and Elders S. S. Weaver, Josiah Keen.

Correspondence with Sister Churches:—Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., D. B. Albright, J. E. Freeman, and Elders Peter Loux, and Chas. H. Biever.

Minutes of Classes:—Rev. W. A. Haas, James I. Good, T. J. Hacker, and Elders D. S. Raber and D. B. Mauger.

Examination and Licensure:—Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D., J. H. Sechler, A. B. Koplin, and Elders J. G. Brown and M. Bushong.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports:—Rev. J. H. Derr, A. J. Bachman, I. K. Loos, and Elders T. T. Miller and J. R. Hilbush.

Theological Seminary:—Rev. W. S. Schaeffer, F. J. Mohr, N. S. Strassburger, and Elders Henry Weisel and H. C. Hoover.

Missions:—Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Geo. Wolff, D. D., T. O. Stem, and Elders Lewis Kreamer and E. B. Kramm.

Finance:—J. H. Sechler, D. B. Albright, J. E. Heister and Elders James T. Reber and J. G. Brown.

Nomination:—Rev. A. C. Whitmer, M. A. Smith, Jas. I. Good, and Elders T. T. Miller and J. J. Nissley.

Publication:—Rev. A. B. Koplin, E. V. Gerhart, D. D., J. H. Derr, and Elders E. B. Kramm and D. S. Raber.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1.) The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon and Lehigh, were received, and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on that subject.

2.) The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3.) The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod was received and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

4.) The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

5.) The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

6.) The Annual Report of the Board of Education was received and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

7.) Other documents were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Sessions of Synod was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

This Committee submitted its report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted.

This report is as follows:—

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes report the following items claiming the attention of this Synod:

Item 1, p. 23. A resolution directing the Board of the Theological Seminary

to institute measures to protect our rights in the Seminary property at Mercersburg, Pa.

Item 2, p. 42. A series of resolutions requesting delinquent classes to make prompt payment; to see to it that assessments be fully met; and recommending measures for raising missionary funds.

Item 3, p. 42. A request to the Commissioners for Foreign Missions to consider the propriety of preparing a native Japanese youth for the missionary work in Japan.

Item 4, p. 48. A request to the classes in arrears to the Contingent and Sinking Funds to adopt measures to secure speedy payment.

Item 5, p. 49. The appointment of a Committee to report a plan and basis upon which Synodical assessments shall be made.

Item 6, p. 50. Instruction to the Stated Clerk to call the attention of the Sunday School Board to their neglect of a certain duty.

Item 7, p. 56. Instruction to the Stated Clerk in reference to the publication of the Synodical minutes.

Item 8, p. 56. Instruction to Rev. C. G. Fisher in reference to the distribution of the minutes of Synod.

Item 9, p. 57. A recommendation of the General Synod to give the estimated valuation of Church property in the statistical table.

Item 10, p. 59. A commendation of the cause of the orphans, with a request to the classes to adopt measures to secure increased contributions.

Item 11, p. 59. Appointment of a Committee to devise a plan for caring for indigent persons of our communion.

Item 12, p. 60. Instruction to the Stated Clerk to transmit the action of the Synod touching the request of the College at Foreston, Ill.

Item 13, p. 57. Action on report of the Committee on the Revised Constitution of the Church was postponed to this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HEISTER.
T. O. STEM.
O. H. STERNCK.
G. B. JORDAN.
A. HELLER.

For the result of the action on item 1 see Article XIII, Theological Seminary: on items 2 and 4 see Article XV, on Finance: on item 3 see XIV, Missions. Items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 attended to. On items 5, 11, 13 see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report. It was taken up item by item, and was adopted.

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report that the following documents have come into their hands:

Item 1. A report of the Board of Trustees of Synod recommending:

a) The names of Rev. G. W. Snyder, of Harrisburg, and Rev. J. E. Heister, D.D. of Annville, Pa., to fill the place of Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, whose term expires January 1, 1883.

b) Recommending the appropriation of \$500 for the Sinking Fund for the coming year, and that the delinquent classes be urged again to pay their apportionment.

Item 2. A letter from the Treasurer of East Pennsylvania Classis to the Treasurer of Synod in regard to the payment of assessments.

Item 3. A communication from Rev. B. Bausman, D.D., President of Board of Managers, and Rev. D. B. Albright, Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home, on behalf of that institution.

Item 4. Letter from Rev. J. B. Kneist, D.D., in regard to the monument to the memory of Olevianus, asking for co-operation on the part of this Synod.

Item 5. An overture from the Synodical Editor of this Synod asking for a judgment of this Synod as to the status of its editor in relation to the Editor-in-Chief.

Item 6. A letter from Rev. J. Gantenbein with reference to certain moneys owing Elder Geo. Gelbach by the Church Extension Board, which Bro. Gelbach has designated when paid for use on the Pacific Slope.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. D. E. KLOPP.

Elder JOSIAH KNEH,

" A. R. BARTHOLOMEW.

" S. S. WEAVER.

" J. H. PANNEBECKER.

For the action of Synod on the 1st part of item 1, and for items 3, 4 and 5, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous. For 2d part of item 1, and for items 2 and 6, see Article XV, Finance.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches report that no papers or items were referred to them.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. A. BOMBERGER.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report. It was received, taken up item by item, amended, and adopted.

The report as adopted, is as follows:

To the Reformed Synod of the United States:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to offer the following report:

The minutes of the different Classes were placed in our hands, and from said minutes we present the following items claiming the attention of Synod:

I. Irregularities.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis fails to state to what Classis the Licentiate J. Wolbach was dismissed.

2. The Philadelphia Classis fails to note the Synodical relation of the Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac.

3. The Philadelphia Classis does not give the proper title of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. (pp. 24, 89.)

4. The Lebanon Classis furnishes only a few marginal references.

5. The same Classis fails to record the opening and closing of the sessions at the regular annual meeting.

6. The same Classis does not record the reading and adoption of the minutes at the regular and adjourned meetings.

7. He also fails to furnish the Report on the State of Religion and Morals on a separate paper.

8. The minutes of Goshenhoppen Classis do not state the name of the Church where the next Annual Meeting is to be held, as required by the General Synod.

9. The Classis of Goshenhoppen does not state the place where the Licentiate C. H. Herbet was ordained and installed.

10. The Stated Clerk of Tohickon Classis does not attest his minutes as an official copy of the original minutes.

11. The East Susquehanna Classis incorrectly reports item 9 of Committee on Overtures, and item 1 of Committee on Synodical Minutes, as stricken from the Report, instead of re-numbering the items.

12. The same Classis reports item 39 of Committee on Classical Minutes as acted upon twice. (pp. 28, 30.)

14. The same Classis reports the Classis as acting on items 10 and 11 of Report on Synodical Minutes, which items are not found in the report.

15. The minutes of West Susquehanna Classis report an item in a certain Report laid on the table till some other business come, but Classis failed to take up the item at the proper time.

16. The East Susquehanna Classis did not incorporate a copy of the Treasurer's Report in the minutes.

Requests.

1. The Philadelphia Classis calls the attention of Synod to a mistake in its minutes of 1881, p. 41, in regard to arrearages of said Classis for '76, '77, '78 and '80. (p. 39.)

2. Philadelphia Classis overtures Synod for its judgment on the question of the relation of an elder to the Classis before his credentials are presented and acted upon. (p. 48.)

3. Lancaster Classis instructed its delegates to Synod to call the Synod's attention to the disproportion of English and German minutes published.

4. Goshenhoppen Classis requests Synod to open an additional column to report the valuation of Church property.

5. The same Classis also requests an increase of its number of Minutes of Synod. (p. 20.)

6. Lehigh Classis requests Synod to correct an error in the statistical table in which Jordan charge is credited with \$49.00 for benevolence, which should be \$419.00. (pp. 20, 23.)

7. Lehigh Classis also asks Synod for a deliverance on the question whether the Treasurer of Classis shall deduct the contributions which Pastors may pay to Missions of the Ursinus Union, and to the Beneficiary Board of Ursinus College from their classical assessments. (pp. 18, 20.)

III. Complaints and Appeals.

1. Rev. A. F. Ziegler gave notice that he would appeal from a certain action adopted by Tohickon Classis to Synod. (p. 18.)

2. Rev. P. P. A. Hoffman gave notice that he would appeal to Synod from a certain action of Goshenhoppen Classis. (p. 28.)

IV. Subjects Referred.

1. All the Classes adopted all the requests of Synod, except Philadelphia Classis which declines to assume the assessment of Synod for Home Missions, and refers to this action as its position in regard to all Synodical assessments for benevolence. (p. 24.)

The same Classis also asks to be excused from commending the publications of the Church, and from co-operating with the Agent of the Board of Publication. (p. 25.)

V. Licentures, Ordinations, Dismissals, and Receptions.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis received the Licentiate Geo. W. Kerschner from the Goshenhoppen Classis, and dismissed the Licentiate A. F. Krout to the Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio.

2. The Philadelphia Classis received the Rev. Jno. P. Stein from the Lebanon Classis, and the Rev. S. P. Mauger from the Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, and dismissed Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher to the Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

3. Lancaster Classis received Rev. A. S. Stauffer, and Rev. S. B. Shaffer, from the East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. H. A. Friedel from the South Classis of Long Island, of the Reformed Church in America, and dismissed Rev. S. Kuhn to the East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. L. F. Zinkhan to the Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

4. Lebanon Classis received the Licentiate Geo. A. Mull, Rev. J. A. Reber, and Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D.D., from the Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Rev. W. Donat from the West Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. L. D. Steckel from the Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburg, and dismissed Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Rev. Jno. P. Stein to Philadelphia Classis, Rev. C. H. Mutchler to East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. A. H. Leiss to St. Joseph's Classis, Synod of Ohio, and licensed A. S. Keiser.

5. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. S. S. Kohler from West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. C. H. Mutchler from Lebanon Classis, Rev. George P. Hartzell from the West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. T. S. Land from the Iowa Classis, Synod of Ohio, Rev. J. H. Hunsberger from the Western New York Classis, German Synod of the East, the Licentiate J. J. Rothrock from Tohickon Classis, licensed the Theological Student A. M. Maessenheimer, and ordained W. A. M. Maessenheimer and J. J. Rothrock; and dismissed Rev. Z. A. Yearick and D. O. Shoemaker to the West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. A. S. Stauffer and Rev. S. B. Shaffer to the Lancaster Classis, and Rev. P. S. Kohler to the Presbyterian Church.

6. West Susquehanna Classis received Rev. D. O. Shoemaker and Z. A. Yearick from the East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. T. R. Deitz from the Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, and dismissed Rev. Geo. P. Hartzell and Rev. P. S. Kohler to East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. D. G. Klein and Rev. C. W. E. Siegel to Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis licensed Geo. W. Kerschner, and dismissed him to East Pennsylvania Classis.

8. Tohickon Classis licensed Jas. R. Lewis, J. J. Rothrock, and H. R. Binkley, and dismissed the Licentiate Jas. R. Lewis to Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and J. J. Rothrock to East Susquehanna Classis.

9. Lehigh Classis licensed Wilson D. Donat, and dismissed him to East Susquehanna Classis, and dismissed the Licentiate Jacob S. Hartzell to Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, and Rev. L. K. Derr to the German Classis of Philadelphia, German Synod of the East.

Time and Place of Meeting.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in Annual Sessions in the St. John's Reformed Church at Bangor, Northampton Co., Pa., on Friday, May 18th, 1888, at 7½ o'clock p. m. Rev. H. H. W. Hibschan, D.D., *President*, and Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk*.

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in Annual Sessions in Trinity Reformed Church at Tamaqua, Pa., on the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1888, at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, *President*, and Rev. Tobias Kesler, *Stated Clerk*.

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in Annual Sessions in Trinity Reformed Church, Philadelphia, June 8th, 1888, at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. George S. Sorber, *President*, and Rev. John H. Sechler, *Stated Clerk*.

4. Lancaster Classis will meet in Annual Sessions in the Reformed Church at Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Pa., on the first Thursday after Whit-Sunday, 1883, at 7½ o'clock p. m. Rev. D. B. Shuey, *President*, and Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*.

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in Annual Sessions in the St. John's Reformed Church, Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., the first Wednesday before Trinity Sunday, 1883, at 7½ o'clock p. m. Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, *President*, and Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk*.

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in Annual Sessions in the Trinity Reformed Church, Centre Hall, Centre Co., Pa., on the third Wednesday of May, 1883, at 7½ o'clock p. m. Rev. R. L. Gerhart, *President*, and Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in Annual Sessions in the Old Goshenhoppen Church on Friday after Ascension, 1883, at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. Eli Keller, *President*, and Rev. L. J. Mayer, *Stated Clerk*.

8. Tohickon Classis will meet in Annual Sessions in the St. Andrew's Reformed Church, Bridgetown, Bucks Co., Pa., on Friday after Ascension, 1883, at 7½ o'clock p. m. Rev. G. W. Both, *President*, and Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

9. Lehigh Classis will meet in Annual Sessions in the Reformed Church at Mertztown, Berks Co., Pa., on Tuesday before Ascension Day, 1883, at 7½ o'clock p. m. Rev. Benjamin Weiss, *President*, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HAAS.
T. N. REBER.
JAS. I. GOOD.
T. J. HACKER.
JOHN HOFFER.
D. B. MAUGER.

The judgment of the Committee in regard to the several items reported as irregularities was approved.

For the action of Synod on the 1st and 6th items on Requests, see Article XV, on Finance.

On Requests Nos. 2 and 7, see Article XX, Church Government; Nos. 3 and 5, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

On Appeals Nos. 1 and 2, see Article XVI, Appeals and References. The remaining items in the report were approved.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The following report was received from the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, and adopted:—

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination would respect fully report that no candidates for examination or licensure were referred to them by Synod, and that they have nothing additional to report.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. HENRY DUBBS.
JNO. H. SECHLER.
A. B. KOPLIN.
MARTIN BURKONG.
J. G. BROWN.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report was received from the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports. It was adopted.

Report on State of Religion and Morals within the bounds of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the Synodical year of 1881-1882 :—

REV. AND DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Borne forward on the restless tide of time, we have met once more, at the close of a synodical year, in solemn council, with reference to that portion of work entrusted to us in the kingdom and Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is the one hundred and thirty-sixth year of our history as an organized branch of the Church of Christ in this country. Like the years of Jacob's life, comparatively few have they been, and though often not unmixed with evil, they have also been fraught with Divine blessings, each the parent of one better to come. The infancy of our Church in this country but little antedates our infancy as a nation, and during the birth throes of that early period, it brought the ministrations of the Gospel and the sacramental blessings of the bread and cup of the Lord, to the defenders of the national changes and vicissitudes which have transpired since that early period. It has witnessed both foreign and domestic wars, as well as far-reaching political conflicts and changes. It has had its internal, educational, disciplinary and theological conflicts, making most notable advances through all, in a clearer apprehension of the faith once delivered to the saints, and in creating outward forms for the expression of its spiritual life and faith. Through all these conflicts it has never forsaken the word of the Lord, which endureth and abideth forever. The shield and power of Him who has purchased us by His own blood, has preserved us from dismemberment. The Omnipotent wings have shed peace into our strifes, that we still might live as brethren. Contrasting our infancy and its poverty, with our present comparative maturity and wealth in both temporal and spiritual things, we may well join our various Classes in their expression of devout gratitude to God. Like the first disciples of our gracious Lord, we have been spared to meet again and spread before Him, and before one another, in our Synodical capacity, all that we have done, and to receive new directions and new encouragement from Him, through His Church, and by mutual counsels and prayer, for our future work. It is only thus, when we withdraw from the dust and smoke of battle, that we can see whither the tide of the conflict is moving. It is by descending and disentangling ourselves from the scaffolding for a time, and taking some advanced position, that we can see the beautiful proportions of Zion's walls arise, upon which we are so intently engaged; and it is thus also that the defects of our new work will more fully stand to view, so that we may see the need of new forms of adaptation for our means and energies.

Your committee, in the midst of reflections like these, has made a careful analysis of the several Classical reports, and statistical material furnished to its hands, and it is thus enabled to present the following statements, based upon this analysis.

I. The Classes write as with one voice, and in deep tones of piety, in expressing gratitude to God and the Great Head of the Church, for the spared lives and health of their ministers, for the blessings which have attended the labors of the ministry in all forms of church work, and for the success with which these labors and work have been crowned. Humbly and devoutly all is laid at the feet of the adorable Redeemer, and His name is exultingly praised for His goodness to His servants and to His Church in which they are called to labor.

II. The ministry have all been spared in life and health, so that with unbroken ranks they have been enabled to pursue their Divine calling. This is also made the subject of devout gratitude to God.

In the Philadelphia Classis the death of a young licentiate, a graduate of Ursinus College and its Theological Department, Wm. H. Leckron, is mentioned and mourned. In the report of the same Classis the deaths of three prominent elders are announced, namely, Isaac Barritt, of St. John's, Wyoming, Delaware; Peter S. Brownback, of Brownbacks, Chester county, Pa.; and Richard W. Eastlack, of Heidelberg Church, Philadelphia. These have finished their work on earth, and have gone to their eternal reward. From the roll of the West Susquehanna Classis, the name of one of its superannuated brethren will in future disappear, the Rev. Adolph B. Casper, the oldest member of the Classis, long a faithful, humble, and unobtrusive servant of Christ, having departed this life, and gone to his reward, soon after the annual meeting of said Classis, in May last. In the Lebanon Classis the sickness, and consequent absence from the annual meeting, of several brethren, is mentioned.

With these exceptions, it would seem, our ministry have all been mercifully spared, as we hope and pray, for future usefulness in the Church militant.

III. Four Classes, namely, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Lancaster, and Tohickon, lament over an unusual number of deaths of young and old, from among the membership of several charges in their respective bounds, bringing affliction also into the home of one of the pastors of Goshenhoppen Classis.

IV. From the reports it would seem that all our ministers, with only a few exceptions, were actively engaged, in preaching the Gospel, and in attending upon the duties of their sacred calling. None seem to have been really idle; even those who have passed their three-score years and ten, were frequently found bearing testimony for Christ.

United testimony is borne to the orthodox and pure character of the preaching. The Gospel, it is said, was everywhere preached in its purity, the brethren evidently laying themselves under severe tribute to draw things new and old from the sacred oracles, for the use and benefit of the souls confiding in them to be taught the way of life. The sheep of the Master's flock were not fed on the husks gathered from merely worldly sources. While all solemnly profess to have brought the pure and beaten oil to the sanctuary, this matter is specially made prominent by one Classis, that of Philadelphia, as having been its settled aim and purpose, and that over against all useless later inventions.

In all these faithful efforts special prominence is given to the Scriptural and Apostolic method of instructing the young faithfully in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion. Not only the young, but in many cases the aged neglectors of religion and Christian instruction by catechismation, are now seeking the blessings resulting from this method of inculcating truth. Many evidently raised under a different system, seem to be seeking preparation in this way for Holy Baptism and Confirmation, and thus for full membership in the Church of Christ. These labors are crowned with abundant success. Truly, it is declared, as the result of solemn experience, the word of God "does not return unto Him void, but accomplisheth that whereunto it is sent." Sinners are reprov'd, the erring are recalled, God's saints are edified in their spiritual life, and sorrowing and burdened souls are comforted. Thus are our faithful, and, in very many cases, self-denying ministry endeavoring to do their honest portion of the universal work devolving upon Christ's ministry in general, and are assisting in gathering in an eternal harvest, humbly and patiently awaiting an eternal reward. In faithfulness, in earnest, self-sacrificing endeavor, and in permanently successful results, they

truly occupy a foremost position among the faithful ministry of the laud, and they well deserve to be esteemed very highly, in love for their work's sake.

V. The early consecration through Holy Baptism on the part of the parents of their children to the Trinne God, in many cases in the face of adverse teachings and influences by false teachers, is especially mentioned as indicating not only that a wholesome religious view and feeling are gaining ground among our people, and are reaching out to their surroundings, but also as evidence of the effect of faithful and zealous teaching and enforcement of sound doctrine on this subject. Adults, too, raised with false views, and in indifference to the Holy Ordinance of Christ, are, in many directions, aroused to seek the blessings promised to the rightful recipient of this sacrament.

VI. The Holy Communion of our Lord's body and blood, it is declared with special emphasis, is faithfully administered, and that greater care is exercised than ever before, that it may not be desecrated by absolutely unworthy persons. The faithful attendance upon this Ordinance of Christ, the reports further declare, is attended with visibly happy results. It is also stated, however, that in some cases no suspensions, nor excommunications are reported, where nevertheless a greater watchfulness and faithfulness as to the lives of many, and their use of the Holy Communion, must have brought about a different result, with a greatly improved spiritual condition. This, surely, is a matter of the highest moment, and those pastors who fail, in this respect, to exercise, together with their consistories, the needed care and discipline to prevent Christ's Holy Sacrament from being profaned, cannot expect God's blessing to rest upon their work, nor their people to advance in piety. On this subject the teachings of God's Word and our precious Catechism, are surely unmistakable. No profanations of this Holy Ordinance are to be permitted except on pain of God's wrath on all concerned.

Deep regret is expressed, in many cases, in view of the fact that this Holy Sacrament is largely neglected by even members of the Church, some absenting themselves from its use during long intervals, and some attending upon it but once a year. The statistical tables, indeed, show still far too great a disparity between members and communicant members. Whatever the cause may be of indifference and neglect, whether this is to be found in the want of early faithful instruction, or in the unwieldy charges still existing in some portions of the church, making proper pastoral attention and watchfulness, and the more frequent administration of the Sacrament next to impossible, it is nevertheless a sickly condition of things, which pastors, Consistories, and Classes, and all concerned should seek, in all earnestness, speedily to heal, with God's help. It is a state of things by which precious souls are imperilled and lost.

VII. At no time in our history as a Church, has so much attention been given to Sunday Schools, and Sunday School work, as at the present time. The reports all speak of this. Not only are ministers more alive than ever before to this interest, giving it largely their personal attention, watching over the kind and manner of the instructions imparted in these nurseries of the Church, and advancing their devotional services, but the eldership also and laity in general, are making it the subject of their fostering care, and are devoting their time and active energies, in many cases, to the advancement of this interest. The Sunday School is being made the starting point of many promising missions, in cities and other places, from which fully organized congregations are frequently made to take their start, becoming towers of light in comparatively forsaken communities. The most happy fruits are being constantly gathered from this source into the catechetical class, and from thence to the blessed Communion altar. An interest which, in its present still comparatively imperfect state, often provided with imperfect devotional, as well as teaching helps, and into whose libraries often a useless and most pernicious literature is

made to find its way, can yet bear such good fruits, should indeed receive the most profound attention and care of the whole Church, from its humblest member to its highest judicatories. It is not going too far to say, that not only should such helps be provided as are now at hand, or accessible, to be used, as now, or even misused, as the pleasure and inclination of individuals may dictate, but that the Church, or its proper judicatories, should provide courses of instruction adapted not only to childhood and youth, but also to the capacities of the humblest teachers, such courses including instruction in Biblical geography, Biblical History, Biblical antiquities, and Scriptural recitations, to be followed by the learning of the Catechism, and the ministers' work in the catechetical class. There is no more reason why these matters should not be authoritatively provided for by the authorities of the Church, than that a Catechism should be provided for the hands of the ministers, from which to instruct these same persons after their childhood and youth have been measurably wasted in often exceedingly desultory and widely divergent matters and ways of instruction. By such a systematized course of instruction, truly harmonious in its matter, pursued at all points and places alike, the work of our teachers would be made far more agreeable and efficient, and a far more solid basis would be provided for the pastor's subsequent instructions than is now done, and our rising membership would truly be made, like Timothy, to know the Scriptures from their youth up. This want is coming to be more universally felt, and we may be said to be groping our way towards meeting it. May the Great Friend of children guide us, and teach us in feeding His lambs.

VIII. Our progress as a Church is also indicated by the disappearance of dilapidated church edifices, and their replacement by more substantial, comely and churchly structures. New ones, too, in many places, where none existed heretofore, tastefully and invitingly constructed, are alluring devout worshippers, as well as others, to their seats and altars. The hearts of our people are thus lovingly, gratefully, and piously pouring themselves forth toward the Lord, through the building of beautiful temples, built and devoted to His service and glory.

IX. Our reports note the fact, too, as a mark of religious and moral progress, that salaries, in many instances, are more promptly and adequately paid than heretofore, thus lightening the burdens and cares of our pastors, and increasing their efficiency. In some instances there is still much room for improvement in this respect, and congregations and consistories should diligently labor to remove all causes of complaint on this score, that their faithful pastors may do their work more fully with "joy and not with grief, which is not good for them."

X. All the reports agree in noting great advances in the amount of our benevolent contributions. Our home missionary operations, we are told, and perhaps even to a fuller extent our Foreign Missionary work, find hearty responses on the part of a large portion of our people. This desire to see the cords of our Zion lengthened, and her borders widened, as well as her stakes strengthened, is to be regarded as evidence that the moral and spiritual condition of our people is truly improving. Great advances have been made in this respect during the past Synodical year. With this ever-widening field before us in our own country, and with the heathen knocking at our doors, our Christian life finds, indeed, abundant opportunity for its exercise and expression, whilst those panting as the hart in the desert for the river of life, should not fail to elicit a joyful response from us, who are entrusted with such great blessings.

XI. In concluding this report, your Committee beg leave to say, in the way of summary, that the general lesson to be drawn from all which we have noted in the foregoing part of this report, is to this effect: That on the one hand, this has indeed been a year of universal progress among us in every

way, within the bounds of this Synod. All departments of our Church work have been greatly blessed. The Lord has truly verified His Word to us: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." For this we owe, to the Great Head of the Church, unfeigned thanks. On the other hand, there are many imperfections in our lives, in our work, and zeal, and diligence, which are to be lamented. We have still come short in many ways of our duty, and have failed to improve our privileges and opportunities as we should have done. Our piety needs, greatly needs, deepening and solidifying. We need personal and collective purification in piety and morals. In the matter of our benevolence, though greatly improved in amount, and even in tone, yet we still greatly need improvement in this respect if we would ever fully realize the *blessedness* of giving, and understand its truly devotional bearing. For our defects let us truly humble ourselves before the Lord, and in view of our need seek His grace and spirit. With feelings and prayers like these, let us enter upon the year opening before us, and God, who is faithful, will bless us, and to Him shall be the glory.

Respectfully submitted, JOSHUA H. DERR.

A. J. BACHMAN.

T. T. MILLER.

ISAAC K. LOOS.

J. R. HILBUSH.

[For Statistical Reports see Appendix.]

The following religious services were observed during the Sessions of Synod.

1.) The Sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious services.

2.) In the early part of the Sessions the President appointed Rev. J. F. De Long, S. M. Roeder, and Elder Jno. Hoffer a Committee on religious services, who reported at intervals their appointments, which were approved.

The report as finally adopted, is as follows :

The Committee on Religious Services offer the following as their report :

St. John's Reformed Church.—Thursday evening. Temperance Sermon by Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

Friday Evening. Discussion on Sunday School topics. 1. How to Teach, by Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D. 2. Alms Giving, by Rev. T. J. Barkley. 3. Lesson Review, by Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

Saturday Afternoon. Preparatory sermon by Rev. J. H. Sechler.

Saturday Evening. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Dubbe, D.D.

Sunday Morning. Sermon by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D.

Sunday Evening. Sermon by Rev. D. E. Klopp, D.D.

Sunday School Addresses by Rev. T. J. Hacker, Elder T. T. Miller, and Rev. O. H. Strunk.

Reformed Church, at Houserville and Boalsburg. Sermon by Rev. J. E. Heister, D.D.

Reformed Church, Centre Hall. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Pennebacker.

Reformed Church, Tusseyville. Sermon by Rev. A. J. Bachman.

Presbyterian Church. Morning Sermon by Rev. P. S. Davis, D.D. Evening Sermon by Rev. T. O. Stem.

Methodist Church. Morning Sermon by Rev. W. H. H. Snyder. Evening Sermon by Rev. Jas. I. Good.

Lutheran Church. Morning Sermon by Rev. Geo. Wolff, D.D. Evening Sermon by Rev. L. K. Evans.

Union Church of Boiling Springs.—Sermon by Rev. A. B. Koplin.

State College.—Sermon by Rev. W. C. Schaffer.

Monday Evening. Missionary Services. Addresses by Rev. Jas. I. Good, Theo. Appel, D.D., and Rev. J. H. Derr.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DE LONG, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

a.) *Report of Board of Trustees.*

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Deakres: The Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary respectfully report:

The Board met in its usual spring and autumn sessions. At its May meeting it organized by electing D. W. Gross, Pres.; G. W. Hensel, V. Pres.; John B. Roth, Treas.; and Edw. J. Zahm, Sec.

At this same meeting it took up the action of Synod in reference to the financial condition of the Seminary, and concluded to send out circulars to every Pastor in the three Synods interested in the support of the Seminary, and as far as practicable to every Classis.

This matter was attended to by our Executive Committee, but we regret to state that the responses have been very few. One Classis, Westmoreland, has responded through its Treasurer, sending us \$77.85 from nine congregations, and two other congregations, one in West Susquehanna, and one from Philadelphia Classis, have sent sums aggregating \$80.56. We have heard from a few other congregations promising collections, and we trust that the Synods may endorse our action and urge such Classes or Congregations as have not yet taken action, to give us the benefit of at least one collection as promptly as possible.

Synods will see by the report of our Treasurer, that the deficit in the income of our Institution still continues, and hence the continued need of efforts for its relief. This state of things will not be remedied until our endowment is increased. We have this in prospect, but it is not yet available, and it would be much wiser for the church through the Synods to do all in its power to make good this deficiency, so that our endowment may not be impaired.

The Potomac Synod at its meeting in 1881, voted \$100 to pay its pro rata of the deficiency in the income of the Seminary; this we regarded as a proper plan, *provided* the money be forthcoming, but as yet nothing has been paid on this sum, but we suppose it will be at the coming meeting of that Synod.

We also call the attention of Synods to the expenses of the Board in meeting and in the transactions of its business. The Board is composed of eighteen members, nine from the Synod of the United States, six from the Potomac, and three from the Pittsburgh Synod. It is often difficult to get enough members together for a quorum, and we are satisfied that one reason is the expense attending the travelling to and from the meetings. We suggest that the members from the different Synods who may attend the meetings of our Board be directed to present, to the Synod from which they come, their bills of expenses incurred in attendance at the meetings, and that the same be referred by Synods to their Finance Committees with the view of having them incorporated in the Contingent Expenses of Synod, and that the Treasurers of the Synods be directed to pay said bills out of this fund.

In reference to the Seminary property at Mercersburg, your Board recommend that the Synod of the United States with the concurrence of Pittsburgh Synod, transfer by deed, the entire property to Potomac Synod with such reservations as may be proper, in the judgment of the Synods, to prevent future friction or conflict between the Synods in reference to the matter of Theological Seminaries.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*
JNO. B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*
EDW. J. ZAHM, *Secretary.*

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 28th, 1882.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with* THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

1881.		DR.	
Oct. 1.	For Int. on Bond of Lebanon Classis to June 30, 1881 . .	\$ 30 00	
" 14.	" " Note	9 00	
" 14.	" " Mrs. E. M. Killough to Nov. 1, 1881	75 00	
Nov. 5.	" " Account Bond W. Susq. Classis	2 75	
Dec. 1.	" " Bond Zion's Classis to May 1, 1881	120 00	
" 7.	" " David Kramm's Plainfield Bond	72 00	
" 10.	" " Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds to Dec. 1, 1881 . . .	150 00	
1882.			
Jan. 14.	" " Allemanian F. Ins. Co. Stock	20 00	
" 16.	" " Steacy Mort. to Dec. 13, 1881	24 00	
" 16.	" " Bond E. Susq. Classis to Jan. 1, 1882 . . .	60 00	
" 25.	" " Account Bond Geo. Sarbaugh	60 00	
Feb. 7.	" " Account Bond W. Susq. Classis	10 30	
" 7.	" " Cook Legacy, Jno. J. Nissley, Treas.	86 00	
" 7.	" " Kieffer " " " " " "	125 00	
" 8.	" " Schroyer Mort. to Feb. 8, 1882	105 00	
" 28.	" " Becker " " Feb. 28, 1882	240 00	
" 28.	" " Bond A. B. Wingerd in full	100 30	
March 7.	" " " Geo. Carbaugh on account	120 00	
" 28.	" " Houseworth Mort. to April 1, 1882	45 00	
" 30.	" " Bond Saml. M. Keen to April 1, 1882 . . .	75 00	
April 1.	" " Brown Mort. to April 1, 1882	105 00	
" 8.	" " J. B. Roth's Bond to April 1, 1882	50 00	
" 7.	" " Ermantrout Mort. to April 1, 1882	270 00	
" 18.	" " Loan	10 18	
" 29.	" " E. M. Killough Mort. to May 1, 1882 . . .	75 00	
May 8.	" " Note	9 00	
" 18.	" " Account Bond of W. Susq. Classis	12 18	
" 17.	" " of Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Treas. of E. Penn. Classis .	23 75	
June 5.	" " on Steacy Mort. to June 18, 1882	24 00	
" 6.	" " Bond Geo. Sarbaugh	120 00	
July 1.	" " " M. P. Heckerman	15 00	
" 1.	" " " E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1882	220 28	
" 10.	" " Harrisburg Bridge Co. Stock	5 85	
" 29.	" " Cook Legacy, Jno. J. Nissley, Treas.	86 00	
" 29.	" " Kieffer " " on acc't., Jno. J. Nissley, Treas. .	125 00	
" 29.	" " Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds to June 1, 1882 . . .	150 00	
Aug. 8.	" " Schroyer Mort. to date	105 00	
" 15.	" " Bond of Lebanon Classis to June 30, 1882 . .	30 00	
" 28.	" " " Jno. Becker to date	240 00	
Sept. 8.	" " Bond Mercersburg Classis to July 1, 1882 . .	60 00	
" 19.	" " Bond W. Susq. Classis, Rev. Haas, Treas. . .	6 88	
" 19.	" " Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treas. Lehigh Classis .	15 00	
" 20.	" " Rev. Geo. Besore's Bond to Jan. 1, 1882 . . .	30 00	
" 22.	" " Bond of Zion's Classis to May 1, 1882 . . .	60 00	
" 23.	" " G. S. Griffith's Bond to Jan. 1, 1882	30 00	
" 25.	" " E. M. Killough's Bond to Nov. 1, 1882 . . .	75 00	
" 27.	Amount received of J. W. Love, Treas. Westmoreland Classis, collections for Seminary relief	77 35	
" 19.	Rev. W. A. Haas for Seminary relief	5 56	
" 27.	Int. from Building Fund	499 38	
			\$3,963 54

1881.

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Oct. 1.	By Bal. due Treasurer, per account received	\$1485 67
" 22.	" Amt. paid Henry Leonard	7 88
" 26.	" Copy of Amended Seminary Charter	2 75
" 31.	" Bill of Repairs at Dr. Apple's House	75
Dec. 1.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., on Salary account	200 00
" 1.	" T. G. Apple, D. D., " "	200 00
" 1.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., " "	150 00
" 7.	" Goodell's Coal Bill	55 25
" 13.	" Arnold's Bill of Furnace at E. V. G.	100 00
" 23.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Salary account	175 00
" 23.	" T. G. Apple, D. D., " "	175 00
" 23.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., " "	100 00

1882.

Jan. 11.	" Int. paid on Klopp Legacy to Oct. 1, 1881	40 00
" 16.	" Amt. paid Taylor's Bill	1 50
" 25.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer F. and M. col.	50 00
Feb. 18.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Salary account	200 00
" 18.	" T. G. Apple, D. D., " "	200 00
" 18.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., " "	150 00
Mch. 25.	" Bill of Diplomas	10 00
" 25.	" Catalogues	21 00
" 12.	" T. G. Apple, D. D., Salary to April 1, 1882	175 00
" 21.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., " " 1, 1882	100 00
" 28.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., " " 1, 1882	175 00
" 29.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer F. and M. col.	50 00
June 6.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Salary account	200 00
" 6.	" T. G. Apple, D. D., " "	200 00
" 6.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., " "	150 00
" 29.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Salary to July 1, 1882	175 00
" 29.	" T. G. Apple, D. D., " " 1, 1882	175 00
" 29.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., " " 1, 1882	100 00
July 1.	" J. Bausman, Treasurer to July 1, 1882	50 00
" 1.	" Steinman & Hensel's Bill and P. O. Slips	10 00
" 10.	" Arnold's Bill of Furnace to E. V. G.	100 00
" 22.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Salary account	50 00
" 22.	" Bill of Repairs at Dr. Apple's House	1 50
Aug. 14.	" Sundry Bills and Post Office Stamps	5 00
" 25.	" T. G. Apple, D. D., Salary account	200 00
" 25.	" O. Hecht's Bill Stove Repairs	2 70
" 28.	" Griel's Brick Bill	4 00
" 29.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., Salary account	150 00
Sept. 8.	" E. Shertzer's Bill	8 50
" 15.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Salary to Oct 1, 1882	325 00
" 5.	" T. G. Apple, D. D., " " 1, 1882	175 00
" 15.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., " " 1, 1882	100 00
" 15.	" J. Bausman, Treas. F. and M. col. Oct. 1. 1882	50 00
" 15.	" J. B. Roth, Treasurer, Salary to Oct. 1, 1882	100 00
" 12.	" on Klopp Legacy to Oct. 1, 1882	40 00

1882.

Sept. 28. Amount Dr. brought forward \$8,146 80

Balance due Treasurer, Sept. 28, 1882 \$2,133 26

The undersigned, Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find them correct.

Lancaster, Sept. 28, 1882.

I. H. KRIEGER,
ISRAEL LAUCKS. } Committee.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer of Theological Seminary in account with LIBRARY FUND.*

1881.

DR.

	Amount of Principal is	\$2,069 96.	
Oct. 1.	For Balance due per account rendered		\$129 88
1882.			
Feb. 28.	For Interest of A. B. Wingerd in full		49 70
July 1.	" " E. J. Zahm to April 1, 1882		15 00

\$194 58

1881.

CR.

Nov. 8.	By amount paid D. B. Schneder's bill	\$ 6 50
" 12.	" " Christern's bill	7 55
" 12.	" " A. Bendell's bill	6 28
" 18.	" " D. B. Schneder's bill	10 56
Dec. 1.	" " A. Bendell's bill	1 96
" 16.	" " W. H. Roy's bill	9 55
1882.		
Jan. 2.	" " S. H. Zahm & Co.'s bill	87 10
Feb. 11.	" " F. W. Christern's bill	4 45
" 21.	" " I. M. Stoddart & Co.'s bill	6 00
Mar. 8.	" " W. F. Draper's bill	75
May 22.	" " Pilger Buchhandlung	90
" 29.	" " " "	1 40
June 12.	" " Insurance Co.	6 50
" 12.	" " " "	6 50
Aug. 4.	" " S. H. Zahm & Co.'s bill	10 15
" 31.	" " A. Bendell's bill	5 40
" 31.	" " Stamped Check Book	1 00

\$194 58

Sept. 28. Balance due 72 08

Sept. 28. Balance in hands of Treasurer \$72 08

STATEMENT OF THE SMALTZ FUND.

1881.

DR.

Oct. 1.	Amount of Principal is	\$5,000 00
Oct. 18.	For Interest received to Oct. 1, 1881	\$150 00

1882.

CR.

Jan. 12.	By amount paid Rev. C. G. Fisher	150 00
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PITTSBURGH PROP. FUND.

1881.

Oct. 1.	Amount of Principal is	\$1,718 80
	No increase.	

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1881.

Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund	\$89,299 76
" 7.	Received Principal of Plainfield Bond vs. David Kramm, Oct. 1, 1882	50 00

\$89,349 76

About \$4000 of this Fund yields no interest.

BUILDING FUND.

1881.		
Oct. 1.	Amount reported to Board	\$12,696 05
1882.		
Jan. 2.	Sundry Notes col. Oct. 1, 1882	97 00
	Amount of Fund	\$12,793 05

The undersigned Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared vouchers, find them correct.

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 28, 1882. I. H. KEIFER,
ISRAEL LAUCKS. } Committee.

b.) Report of the Board of Visitors.

TO THE REFORMED SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

The undersigned respectfully presents the following as the Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary:

The following persons were admitted to the Junior Class at the beginning of the year, three in number: Theodore Frank, Calvin B. Holler and Lewis Reiter. The two latter are graduates of F. & M. College. Mr. Frank had received his training in a gymnasium before he came to this country from Germany. Mr. Reiter, after remaining a short time in the Seminary, embraced what he considered a good opportunity to teach school for a year. He thought that in this way he might accumulate funds so as to complete his studies hereafter, with less assistance from the Church.

The members of the Senior Class, five in number, having completed the prescribed course of study in the Seminary, and having sustained a creditable examination in the presence of the Board, received the usual testimonial, setting forth these facts, at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: Wilson D. Donat, Geo. W. Kerschner, James R. Lewis, Jacob J. Rothrock and Christian Summey.

With one exception they have all found places in the Master's vineyard—mostly in missionary fields,—and are occupying posts of usefulness in the ministry.

Of the Middle Class, twelve in all, three were absent from the Seminary during the year, for reasons that were satisfactory to the Faculty. All the rest of the students—sixteen in number—pursued their studies without interruption during the year. Their conduct and their progress in their studies were good, and their examinations satisfactory.

As the number of students in the Seminary during the past year was considerably smaller than during previous years, (it has increased somewhat during the present term) the Board requested the Secretary to direct the attention of the different Synods to the subject in his Annual Report. The decrease referred to is supposed to be owing to various causes, but mostly perhaps to some general cause, which has been operating in other Churches in this country, as their Seminaries have the same experience to report as our own. A few years ago the supply of ministers in our own denomination seemed to be nearly or quite equal to the demand. This, however, is not the case at the present time. Nearly all our ministers, who have health and strength to labor, are engaged in the active duties of the ministry; but there are vacant charges and missionary fields, which cannot be supplied without calling ministers from other fields, where they are usefully employed. The Board, therefore, urges the Synods to adopt measures that will tend to induce a larger number of the young men of the Church to devote themselves to the work of the ministry, and to urge them to enter upon a thorough preparation of themselves for this good and holy work. Unless this is done at the present time, the prospect now is, that the progress

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary to whom the foregoing documents had been referred, submitted their report. The report was received, taken up item by item and adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the Theological Seminary offer the following report:

The documents referred to us are the reports of the Board of Trustees, of the Board of Visitors, of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

From the Board of Trustees we learn that the Board took action in reference to the financial condition of the Seminary, by sending out circulars to every pastor, and as far as practicable to every classis, within the bounds of the three Synods interested in the support of the Seminary; but that thus far the responses have been few, only eleven congregations having responded, and these contributing only \$107.91. The Synod is requested to endorse the action of the Board, and urge such classes and congregations, who have not yet taken action, to do so as promptly as possible. The deficit in the income of the institution still continues, and it is urged upon the church through its Synods to do all in its power to make good this deficiency, so that the endowment may not be impaired.

In reference to this matter we offer the following:

Resolved, That this Synod endorses the action of the Board of Trustees in making appeals for contributions to the different classes and congregations; and that we urge all congregations, who have not yet done so, to take at least one collection for the Seminary, as soon as practicable.

The Board of Trustees also reports that it is difficult to secure a quorum at its regular meetings, owing, in part at least, to the fact, that no provision is made to meet the traveling expenses of its members, and it suggests that these expenses of its members be paid out of the contingent fund of the respective Synods.

In reference to this we recommend the following:

Resolved, That we cannot accede to this request of the Board.

In reference to the Seminary property at Mercersburg, Pa., the Board recommends that the Synod of the United States, with the concurrence of the Pittsburgh Synod, transfer the entire property to the Potomac Synod, with such reservations as may seem proper, so as to avoid all further friction or conflict.

In reference to this we recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, be authorized to transfer to the Trustees of the Potomac Synod, their successors in office, the Seminary property at Mercersburg, Pa., with this reservation, that the said property be used for no other than educational or religious purposes, and likewise that it be not allowed to pass out of the possession of the Reformed Church.

From the Treasurer's report we learn that the Endowment Fund is \$89,349.76; that the income of the Institution during the past year was \$8,968.54, and the disbursements \$4,711.13, leaving a deficit of \$747.59, which with last year's deficit leaves the Seminary indebted to the Treasurer to the amount of \$2,183.26.

From the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, we learn that the balance in that treasury is \$856.22.

From the Board of Visitors we learn that the Institution has been in successful operation during the past year, the professors and students having been enabled to attend to their duties. The Board calls the attention of the Synod

to the fact that the number of students is not as large as formerly, and that consequently the number going out is not sufficient to meet the demands of the Church. Three persons were admitted to the Junior Class at the beginning of the year, one of whom, however, after a short time engaged in teaching to accumulate funds to prosecute his studies. Five persons completed their studies, were dismissed, and with one exception are now engaged in the work of the ministry.

In view of these facts we offer the following:

Resolved, That we devoutly pray God that He may continue to bless the Seminary and all connected with it, to the glory of His name and to the advancement of His kingdom; and that we pray the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth more laborers into His vineyard.

Resolved, That we call the attention of our young men to the great need of the Church, for more laborers to occupy our vacant charges and the various mission fields which are opening; also, that we urge upon our ministers to present to their prayerful consideration the duty of consecrating themselves to the work of the ministry.

Resolved, That this Synod re-affirms the action of the Danville Synod, which authorizes the Trustees of the Seminary to take such measures as they may deem expedient, to raise funds to meet the deficiencies in the Institution.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. C. SCHAEFFER,
N. S. STRASSBURGER,
F. J. MOHR,
HENRY WEISEL,
H. C. HOOVER.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The following Annual Report was received from the Board of Missions and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We herewith transmit to your reverend body the annual reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States (Tri-synodic). They need no comments from us; they speak for themselves. We only ask that through you this cause of the Master may receive enlarged sympathy and support from our pastors and their congregations.

Yours, in the Gospel,

J. O. MILLER, *President*.

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS, FOR THE YEAR 1881-1882.

To the Reverend Synods of Pittsburgh, of the Potomac, and of the United States:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—The Superintendent of Missions hereby presents to your honorable body his Fifth Annual Report of the progress and condition of the missions under the care of the Board of Home Missions.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grace Church, Easton.—Members, 86. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 10. Benevolence, \$32.67. Local objects, \$600. Original cost of property, \$3,500. Indebtedness (on lot) \$1,100. Reduction of indebtedness, \$225. Under the Board six years. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year, the same. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler.

Salom's Church, Outasouqua.—Under the Board eight years. Members, 179. Last year, 140. S. S. scholars, 225. Last year, 150. Baptisms, 22. Additions, 43. Benevolence, \$53. Local objects, \$1,080. Estimated value of property, \$10,000. Indebtedness, \$1,600; but a plan has been in operation to reduce the debt, and \$400 had by this means accumulated in the treasury at the end of the year, which amount by this time has been used for the purpose intended. Appropriation last year, \$400. This year, the same. Pastor, J. J. Crist.

St. John's Church, Reading.—Members, 450; last year, 350. S. S. scholars, 444; last year, 400. Baptisms, 68. Additions, 88. Benevolence, \$230. Local objects, \$2,200, including \$500, paid to reduce the indebtedness, for which the members are accustomed to make monthly contributions. Cost of property, including parsonage, \$22,000, but worth more at present. Under the Board ten years. Under the present pastor seven years. The indebtedness, which has hitherto prevented the mission from being self-supporting, is diminishing from year to year. Services well attended both German and English. Appropriation, last year, \$200; this year, \$100. Pastor, J. W. Steinmetz.

Birdsboro' Mission.—This mission, supplied for several years past by Pastors Steinmetz and Davis, of Reading, was served by licentiate, G. M. Zacharias, for several months during the winter, under the direction of the Board. Mr. Z. then withdrew, and arrangements were made by the Classis to connect it with other congregations in the neighborhood, so as to make it a self-sustaining charge. This, however, has not as yet been carried out, and the mission remains vacant. The congregation at Birdsboro' have quite recently dedicated their new church, 35 by 50 feet, at a cost of \$2,350. Some indebtedness. Appropriation last year, \$200. Vacant.

St. John's Church, West Philadelphia.—This mission, after being vacant for five months, was again supplied with a pastor on the 1st of February last, since which time it has been doing well. As it was supplied by the Superintendent and others whilst it was vacant, its interests did not materially suffer, and when the Board succeeded in supplying it with a pastor, the members received him gladly and cheerfully united with him in working for the peace and prosperity of Zion. Members, 58. S. S. scholars, 85. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 10. Losses, 11. Church papers, 4 copies. Benevolence, \$16.58. Local objects, \$372. Cost of property, about \$7,000, but it is not worth that much at present. Indebtedness, \$2,400. An Aid Society raised \$35 in seven months to assist in paying the interest on the indebtedness. It is thought that the location of the church building, and its somewhat uninviting appearance, are a barrier to the progress of the mission, and it is hoped that the way may be open before very long for the removal of this difficulty. Appropriation, last year, \$500; this year, the same. Pastor, J. P. Stein.

Grace Church, Philadelphia.—During the year this mission was successful in putting up a new church, in which, although still unfinished, it has been worshipping for the last three or four months. In other respects it had also been making a commendable degree of progress, until, during the summer its pastor, Rev. J. Saml. Vanderaloot, found it necessary, on account of his failing health, to withdraw from the field, at the end of his first year's labor. Some loss has been incurred in this way, but it is hoped that it will in the end be overruled for good. After the withdrawal of the pastor, the Board immediately took steps to supply the mission with a suitable pastor, but in this they have up to this date been unsuccessful. Members, 52; at its organization, about one year ago, 26. S. S. scholars, 144. Baptisms, 9. Additions, 27. Benevolence, \$25. Cost of church building when completed about \$1,800. Amount thus far paid, \$1,141.17. Amount needed to finish the church over \$200. Debt on the church at present, \$649.52. Other indebtedness about \$150. Mortgage on the ground, \$3,000. A Mite Society has been active in raising money to pay the semi-annual interest on the mortgage. "The Little Gleaners," a society, after raising \$40 for furnishing the pulpit, now co-operates with a missionary society lately organized. Appropriation last year, \$500. Vacant.

Second Church, Harrisburg.—Members, 115. S. S. scholars, 285. Baptisms, 11. Additions, 12, of which 11 were heads of families. Benevolence, \$112. Local objects, \$671.30. Original cost of property, \$6,000. Present value, considerably greater. Church papers are patronized. Some 50 or 60 members in the mission.

ary society. The mission is growing in numbers and liberality, but it suffers from removals, which prevent it from making any rapid advance towards self-support. There is some prospect that it may hereafter be strengthened by the establishment of a new mission at Steelton, in the vicinity. It would be an important step towards becoming self-sustaining, if it could erect a parsonage in a vacant lot, which it owns in the rear of the Church. It has been a mission for about eighteen years. Appropriation, last year, \$250; this year, the same. Pastor, G. W. Snyder.

Zwingli Church, Harrisburg.—Members, 85. S. S. scholars, 65. Baptized, 7. Additions, 19. Benevolence, \$142. Local objects, \$491. Value of church property, \$10,000. Indebtedness, \$1,100. Some German papers circulated. No Missionary Society, but a Ladies' Society, composed of 27 members, collects funds and makes contributions for the aid of the church. The mission is making a gradual progress spiritually and financially, and, if not disturbed by changes in pastoral relations, as it was too much in the past, it has the prospect now of becoming a well-established Christian congregation. The present pastor took charge of the mission about one year ago, and since then he has been laboring efficiently and with much satisfaction to his people. His services are exclusively German. Appropriation last year, \$200; this year, the same. Pastor, H. A. Friedel.

Columbia.—Members, 180. Baptisms, 32. Additions, 28. S. S. scholars, 200. Benevolence, \$88.50. Local objects, \$2,563.40. Value of property, \$11,000. Indebtedness, provided for last year, \$1,663.40, was all paid up during the year. Services well attended, and a good spirit pervades the congregation. Thus, after many years of struggle and conflict, this congregation has gradually been growing, and has come to stand on a good and permanent foundation. Under God its success and prosperity have been the result of the aid and encouragement of the church at large. After the 1st of January next it expects to be self-supporting. Appropriation last year, \$150. No further appropriation. Pastor, C. S. Gerhard.

Wilkes-Barre Mission.—Two congregations, one at Wilkes-Barre and the other at Nanticoke. Members, 487; last year, 432. S. S. scholars, 225. Baptisms, 70. Additions, 70. Benevolence, \$60. Local objects, about \$724. Cost of property, \$13,000. Debt, \$1,400. Reduction, \$200, with prospects of a further reduction at an early day. The new church at Nanticoke is to be dedicated on the 24th of September, with little or no debt. Dimensions, 36 by 65 feet. Members at Nanticoke, 135. The mission at Plymouth, which grew out of the mission at Wilkes-Barre, have recently put up a new church building. It is doing well under pastor, Rev. S. C. Meckel, who as he receives an appropriation from Classis, will hereafter be enabled to devote his whole time to the interests of the mission. Appropriation last year, \$225; this year, \$175. Pastor, F. K. Levan.

Lock Haven Mission.—Two congregations. Members, 153; last year, 140. S. S. scholars, 130. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 16. Benevolence, \$37. Local objects, \$525. Cost of property, \$2,200, but worth much more at present. Indebtedness, including repairs, \$1,000. As soon as present indebtedness is paid off the mission will be in a fair way of becoming self-sustaining. The present pastor has been in the field five years, during which the mission has increased largely in membership; a church was purchased for \$2,200, and repaired for \$600, the Classis of West Susquehanna, paying \$1,100 for the purchase of the building. 75 members have been added to the church, and the Sunday School has more than doubled the number of its scholars. The mission has good prospects. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, the same. Pastor, I. S. Stahr.

English Mission at Williamsport.—During the past year the congregation was divided so as to form two, one German and the other English. The German portion retain the old church, assume the debt, expect to support their own pastor, and pledge themselves for \$1,500 to assist the English brethren in the erection of a new church. The latter, not being able to support a pastor, have been taken under the care of the Board as a mission, and, by the recommendation of Classis, have been promised an appropriation. They are at present seeking to secure for themselves a pastor. With what they receive from the old congregation, and the promise of a \$1,000 from the Classis, they expect to go forward and erect for themselves a new church during the coming year. Appropriation, \$300. Vacant.

Zion's Reformed Church, Stroudsburg.—This congregation was organized on the 17th of May last, and constituted a mission by the Classis of East Pennsylvania. It was then placed under the Board, and the Rev. G. W. Kerschner commissioned to take charge of its interests. It commenced with 35 members, but as there is a considerable amount of Reformed material in the town and neighborhood, it has encouraging prospects of increase in the future. Thus far Mr. K. has been holding his services in the court-house with good audiences, especially in the evening; but the further success of the mission depends on its having a house of worship of its own, and, accordingly, steps will be taken at as early a day as possible to put up a suitable church building. Had a congregation been organized in Stroudsburg twenty years ago, we might now have a flourishing church in that place. But it is never too late to do good, and as Providence seems so manifestly to have led to the establishment of this new congregation where it was much needed, we may hope He will bless it, and possibly enable us to make up for lost time and lost opportunities. Mr. K. seems to be well adapted for the situation he has been called to fill, and to be appreciated in the community for whose spiritual interests he is laboring. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, G. W. Kerschner.

East Liberty and Wilkinsburg.—Two congregations. Members, 111. S. S. scholars, 150. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 19. Erasures, 14. Benevolence, \$35. Local objects, \$1,290.71. Value of property at East Liberty, \$5,000; at Wilkinsburg, \$3,500. Debt on the former, \$350; on the latter, \$1,500. These missions are both overcoming the financial difficulties of former years, and a general feeling of hopefulness and encouragement pervades the members. We may now hope that a prosperous career in the future may be the answer to their faith and prayers. Appropriation last year, \$550; this year, \$500. Pastor, J. W. Knappenberger.

Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co. This mission was supplied with a pastor on the 1st of April last, and seems to have rallied again from the loss it sustained in being without a pastor for more than six months. Three congregations. Under the Board six years. Members, as far as ascertained, 92. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 3. S. S. scholars, 82. Benevolence, \$10. Local objects, \$350. Value of church property, \$1,500. The congregation, hitherto worshipping in a school-house have commenced the building of a new church near the town of Shirleysburg, which will be ready for dedication before the winter sets in. This mission requires a parsonage, without which it will be difficult for it for some time to come, to give its pastor an adequate support. The attendance on the means of grace is good, and the missionary feels encouraged to believe that with the blessing of God he will succeed in building up the charge. Appropriation, as requested by Classis, \$150. Pastor, C. H. Reiter.

Sulphur Springs, Bedford Co.—This field was without a pastor for eight months, when one was secured who entered upon his duties on the 1st of April last. It consists of three congregations. Members, 155. Three S. Schools. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 5. Value of property about \$4,000. Debt, \$40, which is soon to be paid. One of the churches being uncomfortable in cold weather, the erection of a new one is agitated. Under the Board as a mission since 1873. Four catechetical classes, at the present time, numbering 40 catechumens, the greater part of whom expect to be confirmed during the coming spring. The work of grace is reviving in the hearts of the people, and the labors of the pastor are appreciated. In a year or so, this mission should become self-sustaining. Appropriation, \$200. Pastor, E. H. Dieffenbacher.

Duncannon.—Vacant during the greater part of the year, but supplied with a pastor a short time ago. Two congregations, one at Duncannon, and the other at Maryville. The congregation at Dellville was abandoned several years ago, but the missionary is at present endeavoring to resuscitate it. Members, 120. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 6. Contributions for local and benevolent objects, \$70. Former appropriation, \$225. This year, \$200. Pastor, J. R. Lewis.

Shenandoah.—Members, 250. S. S. scholars, 250. Baptisms, 50. Additions, 29. Contributions to local and benevolent objects, \$500. Cost of property, \$5000. Indebtedness, \$1,000. Reduction during past year, \$500. Under the Board, five years. The mission will probably become self-sustaining in the course of a year or two. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, the same. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

St. John's Church, Johnstown.—Members, 77. S. S. scholars, 125. Baptisms,

14. Additions, 16. Benevolence, \$31. Local objects, \$456. Value of property, \$3,000. No debt. Church papers, 102. Under the Board two and a half years. The mission is making encouraging progress, in the way of inward as well as outward growth. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$450. Pastor, W. H. Bates.

St. Luke's, Lancaster.—Members, 60. S. S. scholars, 220. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 11. Benevolence, \$22.90. Local objects, \$275. Original cost of the church, \$2,100, which with the lot makes the present value, \$2,800. No debt. A balance on the heater debt—\$43, was paid during the year. Church periodicals of all kinds, 252. The Harbaugh Missionary Society with 40 members collects about \$15 per annum. Organized as a mission 3½ years ago. Under present pastor two years. After he has practiced the most rigid economy, his support has been inadequate. Recently he received an overture from the Faculty of F. M. College, to teach one hour per day in the college, and to take charge of Harbaugh Hall, these duties to be discharged in connection with the pastorate of the mission. As this arrangement is likely to prove mutually beneficial, it is hoped that the state of his health will allow him to accept of this offer. Appropriation last year, \$300. The fixing of the appropriation for the coming year referred to the Executive Council. Pastor, W. F. Lichliter.

Overton, Bradford Co.—Vacant for some time, but again supplied with a pastor, since last January. Since then the mission has shown signs of new life and activity. The congregation at Overton is putting up a new church, and the one at Dushore, which has been worshipping in an old church belonging to another denomination, expect to erect a church for themselves at no distant day. The Elkland congregation has a church of its own. There are out-lying regions, where the missionary expects to labor as opportunities present themselves, and it is believed that in this way the mission may be strengthened and new missions started. Three congregations. Members, 160. S. S. scholars over 100. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 1, with the prospect of a large increase during the coming year. Benevolence, \$12.71. Local objects, \$330. Value of property, \$1,000. No debt. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, C. H. Mutschler.

Latrobe, Westmoreland Co.—Two congregations. Members, 134. S. S. scholars, 70. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 19. Benevolence, \$40. Local objects, \$575. Value of property, \$9,500. Indebtedness, \$1,850. Reduction, \$200. An effort has recently been made to liquidate this debt, which it is believed will be crowned with success within two years. Under the Board four years. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, S. H. Eisenberg.

Sharon, Mercer Co.—No report. This mission has secured a regular pastor and expects to become self-supporting hereafter.

New Castle.—Members, 49. S. S. scholars, 30. Baptisms, 1. Additions, 5. Benevolence, \$14. Local objects, \$450. The new church was dedicated in July. Its cost was \$3,669, on which \$2,500 have been paid, collected by the pastor in the mission, in the town and neighboring congregations. The remaining indebtedness is \$1,050, for which \$600 have been provided in the way of subscriptions, most of which will be paid at no distant day. Since the dedication of the new church, the audiences on Sunday have very much improved. A case, however, of what seemed to be necessary discipline has disturbed the congregation, and interfered with the usefulness of the pastor. This is unfortunate, as the pastor has shown much energy and manifested a true spirit of self-sacrifice, and in view of his valuable services deserves the sympathy and support of all the members of the mission. Appropriation last year, \$450. This year the same. Pastor, J. M. Souder.

Marietta.—Two congregations. One at Maytown and the other at Marietta. Members, 157. S. S. scholars, 225. Baptisms, 18. Additions, 11. Benevolence, \$30.50. Local objects, \$518. Cost of property at Maytown, \$3,000. The church at Marietta is owned by different denominations. Some church papers are circulated, and a missionary society is about to be organized. Attendance good. Liberty only partially developed in the charge as a whole, and the pastor is inadequately supported. German services are held every two weeks at Marietta, under the direction of a committee of Lancaster Classis, of which Dr. E. V. Gerhart is chairman. By this means a number of foreign Germans have been added to the

church, and the prospect now is that the congregation will be materially strengthened from this source in the future. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$75. Pastor, G. B. Resner.

Tionesta, Forest Co.—This is a new mission, supplied with its first pastor during the past year. Three congregations. Members, 50. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 2. Benevolence, \$32. Local objects, \$152.25. Two church edifices, one of which is union. No indebtedness. The missionary reports difficulties in his field, which he thinks may be surmounted, and he is hopeful. The field is large, and there is an opening for the establishment of a number of preaching places, and the organization of new congregations in the future. The ground is well selected for the missionary activity of the church. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year the same. Pastor, D. G. Klein.

Dubois, Clearfield Co.—This mission was organized about two years ago, but it was without a pastor until last February, when Rev. D. H. Leader took charge of it, by appointment of the Board. Since that time the members have been working earnestly with their pastor, and the mission has been advancing towards permanency. The congregation at Dubois expect to erect a church at no distant day. A new congregation has been organized at Boon's Mountain, with the prospect of rapid growth, including the erection of a church during the coming year. A similar movement is on foot to build a new church at another point in the country, where the missionary has been preaching. Members, 47. S. S. scholars, 25. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 23. Benevolence, \$25. Local objects, \$500. Church property two acres of ground worth \$100. Appropriation last year, \$400. This year the same. Pastor, D. H. Leader.

Houtsdale, Clearfield Co.—This mission was formally taken under the care of the Board during the past year. It was served for the first six months by the Rev. Joshua Wolbach, but on account of its prevalently German character, he withdrew, and since then—about four months—it has been served by the Rev. Mr. Siegel, who reports that its prospects are encouraging. Members, 30. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 8. Contributions for local objects, \$200, and a small amount for benevolence. Cost of property, \$400, but it is worth twice that much at present. Indebtedness, \$256. No Sunday-schools have as yet been established, but the pastor himself gives the children religious instruction on the Lord's Day in two classes, the one in the German and the other in the English language. The Pastor found it necessary to reside at Philipsburgh, Centre Co., where he thinks he will be able to organize a congregation at no distant day. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year the same. Pastor, C. W. E. Siegel.

Meyersdale, Somerset Co.—This charge became a mission in consequence of the division of the Meyersdale charge, which took effect a little more than a year ago. It was believed that with the help of the Board in the course of a year or so, two self-supporting charges could be formed. Congregations, 2. Members, 306. S. S. Scholars, 130. Baptisms, 34. Additions, 57. Benevolence, \$230. Congregational purposes, \$762. Church property worth, \$3,000. Indebtedness, \$1200. Some reduction during the year. Church papers, 316. A Missionary Society recently organized now numbers 25 members. The services on Sunday and during the week are well attended. An effort is in progress to pay off remaining indebtedness, which it is thought will be accomplished during the next year. The strikes among the laborers have operated against the financial progress of the mission during the past year. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$175. Pastor, J. M. Schick.

Will's Creek Mission, Somerset Co.—This mission has been under the care of the Board since last October. It consists of four congregations, White Oak, Mount Lebanon, Fair Hope, and Hyndman. All of the congregations have church-buildings, except Fair Hope. A new church at Hyndman was erected and dedicated during the past year, at a cost of \$1700. Members, 195. S. S. scholars, 155. Baptisms, 23. Additions, 7. Benevolence, \$146. Local objects, \$342. Value of church property, \$4500, including interest in a union church. Indebtedness, \$450. The mission is a new charge, formed by the division of the Meyersdale charge. The results show the propriety of the change. The prospects are that the mission will become self-sustaining in a few years. The field is an interesting one, and offers favorable openings for missionary work. It is also a difficult one to cultivate as the congregations are widely separated, and the

pastor is often exposed to the inclemency of the seasons; but he has been successful in giving them a new impulse, and in bringing them nearer together in spirit. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$140. Pastor S. T. Wagner.

Trinity Mission, Scottsdale, Westmoreland Co.—This congregation was constituted a mission by the Classis of Westmoreland, and supplied with a pastor on the 1st of June last. Members, 60. S. S. scholars, 40. Baptisms, 3. Benevolence, \$1.62. Amount of salary promised, \$350. Value of church property, \$4450. Present indebtedness, \$545. Reduction, \$710. Church papers, 10. Attendance good, and spiritual progress encouraging. The mission is preparing to renovate its church and to erect for itself a parsonage. With some assistance from the Board, the mission has good prospects of becoming self-sustaining in the course of a few years. Appropriation, \$150. Pastor, A. W. J. Best.

McKeesport.—Recently a new mission was formed, comprising Braddock, Turtle Creek, and McKeesport as preaching places, and the Rev. H. D. Darbaker placed over it as missionary. Prospect thus far encouraging. Appropriation, \$500. Pastor, H. D. Darbaker.

VIRGINIA.

Winchester.—Congregations, 2. Members, 110. S. S. scholars, 65. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 6. Losses, 10. Benevolence, \$50. Local objects, \$450. The mission has a valuable church building, a good parsonage, on the latter there is an indebtedness of about \$500, on which \$50 have been paid during the year. This mission has been a long time under the care of the Board, and the pastor expresses his regrets that difficulties beyond his control stand still in the way of its progress towards becoming self-supporting. He thinks that it will be best to build up chapels in the neighboring country, thus strengthening the charge and saving to the church those members who cannot be reached in any other way. At present he is preaching at a point about eight miles from the city, and at that place a chapel is to be erected during the coming year. If this succeeds, other points will receive attention. This course meets with the approbation of the Board. Appropriation last year \$250. This year, the same. Pastor, A. K. Kremer.

Middlebrook, Augusta Co.—During the past year the Middlebrook charge was divided, as referred to in our last report. Both divisions were declared missions, and placed under the Board with appropriations, which it is thought will be needed not more than a few years at most. The mission at Mint Spring was connected with St. John's Church, so as to form one charge, whilst the congregations at Middlebrook and Newport remained to form another. The congregation at Middlebrook purchased an unfinished church belonging to another denomination, completed it, and dedicated it to the worship of God as a Reformed Church. This was a judicious movement, and the result shows that it has gone very far to strengthen the interests of the church in that part of the Classis. Members in this mission, 68. S. S. scholars, 165. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 3. Church property worth, \$2500. Indebtedness, \$300, under the Board since June last. It has much material which it may gather into the church, outlook encouraging. Appropriation, \$150. Pastor, S. L. Whitmore.

Mint Spring Mission.—Constituted a mission during the year. Supplied at present by a committee of Classis. St. John's Church has a membership of 100 members. Trinity Church at Mint Spring has a church building, but no organized congregation. One, however, will be organized as soon as a pastor can be secured. Church property owned by the mission is worth between four and five thousand dollars. The mission may hereafter be strengthened by establishing preaching points in the surrounding regions. Two Sunday-schools. Appropriation, \$150. Vacant.

DELAWARE.

St. John's, Wyoming, Kent Co.—Members, 100. S. S. scholars, 76. Baptisms, 13. Additions, 18. Benevolence, \$35. Local objects, \$385. Value of property, \$2200. No indebtedness. Church papers, 26. Under the Board, 13 years. The mission has good prospects of being strengthened by the tide of foreign emigration flowing into the State. When the members become better established in their business interests, they will cheerfully withdraw from the shelter of the Board

and provide for themselves. The present fruitful season has been an advantage to the mission, and its prospects are more hopeful than last year when there was a failure in the crops. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year the same. Pastor, N. J. Miller.

MARYLAND.

Cumberland.—Members, 125. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 18. Additions, 20. Benevolence, \$10. Local objects, \$700. Cost of property, \$6500. Indebtedness \$2250. No reduction. Church papers, 58. A Female and a Youth's Society make monthly contributions for the benefit of the church. The unfortunate strike among the miners compelled some 40 members to remove temporarily from their homes and seek employment elsewhere. Losses by deaths, and removals, 10. Under present pastor eight years. The debt and the strikes have operated unfavorably upon the mission, but the attendance on the means of grace has been good. The pastor attends to the wants of the young who are becoming English, and an English congregation is growing up in the bosom of the mother church. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year the same. Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

Ridgely, Caroline Co.—Three congregations, one at Ridgely, one near Easton in Talbot Co., and a third in Queen Ann Co. Members, 68. Losses by removals, 10, S. S. Scholars, 40. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 5. Church papers, 12. Benevolence, \$3.58. The new church at Ridgely was dedicated last spring. Its cost was about \$2000, with little or no indebtedness resting on it. The mission has been under the Board between three and four years. It is a matter of regret that the congregation at Ridgely has failed during this period of time to raise the salary for the pastor, which was expected when he became its missionary. The deficiency has partly been made up by the gifts and contributions of other churches, and partly by the manual labor of the missionary himself. To some extent his health has failed in consequence of exposure and hard work, and he thinks it would be best if the Board would assign him another field of usefulness. Appropriation last year, \$320. This year, ——. Pastor, J. H. Hannabery.

East Baltimore.—The establishment of a mission in the eastern section of the city of Baltimore, referred to in our last annual report, has made some, although not much progress during the year. An examination has been made for the location of a chapel, the Classis of Maryland have promised to assist in its erection to the amount of \$1000, and our conclusion, based on inquiries made, is that \$2000 more can be secured for this object in the churches of Baltimore—provided there is no farther delay in initiating a movement to begin some actual work. Vacant.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Concord, Cabarrus Co.—As this mission seemed to be making slow progress, and had suffered some losses, our missionary, Mr. Gurley, by advice of his brethren and the approbation of the Board, accepted of a position in Catawba College as one of its professors, retaining, however, his connection with the mission by supplying it himself or getting some one else to take his place. In addition, he supplied the East Rowan charge during the summer, after its pastor had resigned, preached, made pastoral visitations and catechized the youth. Under all the circumstances of the case, it has been thought best that Concord should be connected with the Central Rowan charge, and give its pastor a small appropriation. Mr. Gurley will then withdraw from this field at the end of this year—the 1st of November, and will need no further support. Appropriation \$250. This year, \$50. Pastor, G. D. Gurley.

Lincolnton, Cabarrus Co.—Our interest at this place remains about the same as it was one year ago. The attendance at divine worship—once a month—is good and some additions have been made to the church. It deserves the attention of the Board—at least until some arrangement can be made by which it may be connected with other points, so as to strengthen it and make it self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, \$50. This year the same. Pastor, J. A. Foil.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Grace Church, Washington.—Members, 62. S. S. scholars, 48. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 10. Benevolence, \$5. Local objects, \$500. Cost of chapel, \$4700. Of ground, \$3240. Present value, \$10,000. The indebtedness, about \$2200, has been

assumed by friends of the mission, with the understanding that it is to be paid hereafter by the assessments made by the Classis, for the erection of the chapel. As, however, interest must be paid on the notes as they are renewed from time to time, it is a matter of great importance that the congregations, which have not as yet paid their apportionments for the Washington Chapel, should do so with the least possible delay. In this way much interest may be saved, and the money be devoted for other useful purposes. The mission itself pays no interest, and so it may be said to be practically without any debt. As already announced in the papers of the church, the new chapel was dedicated to the worship of God on the last Sunday in April. It is a neat and attractive structure, in an eligible part of the city, and the Board congratulates the church in view of the success which has crowned its efforts to establish a Christian Church in the National Capital. A good beginning has been made in the structure which has been erected to serve for a time for the wants of the mission; but as the congregation grows and its wants increase, a larger and more imposing building will be needed, for which there is ample room on the lot of ground on which the present house stands. The building up of a distinctly Reformed Church in such a place as Washington is encumbered with difficulties of a peculiar kind; but with the continuance of the divine blessing, which has thus far rested on this undertaking, we may hope that the vine here planted will grow and be abundantly fruitful in future years. Since the mission has been permitted to worship in a home of its own, it has received a new impulse, and both pastor and people, thankful for what God has done for them thus far, have experienced a new inspiration to go forward with the work committed to their hands. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year the same. Pastor, C. F. Sontag.

NEW YORK.

German Evangelical St. Paul's Reformed Mission.—Under the care of the Board of the Eastern German Synod, but assisted in part by this Board. Members, 125. S. S. scholars, 125. Baptisms, 105. Additions, 25. Benevolence, \$100. Local objects, \$700. Original cost of property, \$4,000. Present value, \$5,000. Indebtedness, \$100. Reduction, \$700. Church papers, 110. Contributions of Missionary Society, \$100. Members in the Missionary Society, 40. Attendance about 100. Quarterly rental on leased ground, \$112. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, \$150. Pastor, F. Fox.

KANSAS.

St. Paul's Church, Emporia.—During the past year this mission was unfortunate in losing its pastor, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, who, on account of his health and inadequate support, felt compelled to withdraw from the field. Since then it has been vacant, and its interests as a matter of course have suffered. During the month of July the Rev. D. B. Shuey, under the direction of the Board, visited the mission, administered the communion, and by personal intercourse sought to encourage the members. With his consent he was elected pastor of the congregation, and the Board then tendered him the appointment of missionary to Emporia and of superintendent of our missionary interests in Kansas, which he has accepted. He expects to enter upon his duties in his appointed field of labor by the 1st of November. In the mean time he expects to collect as much money as he can for the purpose of erecting a parsonage and paying off the debt on the church at Emporia. The interests and success of the mission require the adoption of measures of this kind, and it is hoped that Mr. Shuey will meet with encouragement and support in this object, wherever he makes application. Both he and his work commend themselves to the generous liberality of our churches. His visit and the arrangement of the Board have had a happy effect upon the mission in the way of encouragement and hope, and the membership now show a willingness to make a new start and to do what they can. Appropriation, \$500. Pastor, D. B. Shuey.

MISSOURI.

Turkio Mission.—The Rev. L. M. Hensell, who was commissioned to labor as missionary in Kansas a year ago, visited various points and preached as opportunities presented themselves. In travelling from place to place he exposed him-

self a great deal, so that during the winter, becoming physically disabled, he asked to be relieved from further service under the Board. This request was granted.

NEBRASKA.

Aurora.—During the past year our missionary, Mr. Erb, has done a large amount of work in the way of exploration. He reports that he finds Reformed people in all parts of the State, but so scattered that it becomes difficult to find them near enough to each other to form them into organizations. He now has six places at which he preaches once or twice a month, of which the farthest off from his home in Athora is 80 miles. During the fall and winter he expects to fill appointments during the week time. He continues to preach at Aurora, where we have members but as yet no organization. At York, where he preaches once a month, he expects to organize a congregation at the next communion, for which the people are now ready. At Hampton he preaches once a month to a few members with gradually increasing audiences. In Saunders Co. he preaches to an organized congregation, and the people show a willingness to do what they can for his support. Six miles from this place, at Ithaca, there are Reformed families, whom he expects to organize into a congregation. There are Reformed families in Salina Co., sixty miles from Athora, whom he expects to visit at an early day. A short time ago a colony of some twenty German Russians, twenty-five miles from Athora, applied to Mr. Erb for a Reformed minister, and he promised to do for them whatever he could in the future. Thus far he reports forty members. Many still stand aloof, who will be gathered into the church, as his work gives promise of permanency. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 5. Thus far the missionary has to a great extent been doing the work of a pioneer; but it is easy to see that, if it is kept up persistently for a number of years, it will result in a large increase, and the establishment of many new churches. Thus far he has been receiving only a small compensation for his services, but the prospects are that this will increase from year to year, as the country improves. Last winter he received help in the way of missionary boxes—one from a Presbyterian Church in Ohio, he knew not how—and he will need similar help during the coming winter. The laborer is worthy of his hire. Appropriation, last year, \$300. This year the same. Pastor, Edmund Erb.

CALIFORNIA.

Salmon's Church, Napa.—After the withdrawal of pastor De Geller from Napa the Rev. George Macchtersheimer, our missionary in Washington Territory, was engaged by the Board to take his place at Napa. As there seemed no immediate prospect that the mission would become self-sustaining for years to come, pastor M. commenced preaching at three other points, with the view of strengthening his charge, at Sonoma, St. Helena and Valleys. There are favorable prospects of organizing a congregation at Sonoma at an early day, with 36 members. It is too soon to speak of his success at the other points, but it may be said that thus far there is no reason for discouragement. It is believed that in this way the mission will become self-supporting, and the course of the missionary is commended by the Board. The congregation at Napa holds its own, but its indebtedness—\$500—is still very much in the way of its progress. No statistics given this year. Appropriation last year, \$300. No appropriation for the present. Pastor, George Macchtersheimer.

Stockton.—During the past year, the Reformed Church at Stockton, in the beginning cherished and supported by this Board, but, for a number of years past, self-sustaining and apparently prosperous, met with a great calamity. After its regular pastor resigned and withdrew from the field, a so-called minister of the Gospel crept in unawares, occupied the pulpit, and succeeded in inducing a large portion of the members to withdraw from the Reformed Church and connect themselves with his own denomination. He further succeeded in getting the charter changed in one of the lower courts, on the false assumption that the congregation was a so-called Independent Reformed Church, and as such, had a right to alienate its property and transfer it to somebody else. Under these circumstances, the Board authorized the Rev. E. De Geller to proceed as our missionary to Stockton, and to do what he could to save the Reformed Church from entire destruction. In this

he has been thus far, under the blessing of God, successful. He has rallied such members as he could find that were true to the Church, and has been preaching for them in such places as were available. A suit has been entered, the intruder ejected for the time being at least, and the church closed by the sheriff, until the Supreme Court of California decides the true ownership of the church. The case was to be decided last week, and if there has been no postponement, we may expect to hear the result soon. The property is worth about \$5,000, and the cost of the suit may be somewhere between four and five hundred dollars. Appropriation the same as at Napa, \$300. Pastor, Eugene De Geller.

Alameda.—During the course of the year, pastor Hartman informed the Board that his labors at Alameda did not seem to be productive of good results, and so he made the request that he be assigned to some other field on the Pacific coast, where he could be more useful. He was unwilling to receive money from the church, unless he had some prospect of building up a Christian congregation among the Germans at Alameda. At the time he wrote to us he did not see that this could be done, and so he asked to be allowed to go elsewhere to preach the Gospel. Subsequently, however, a change took place in his prospects and he concluded to remain at his post. Some twenty persons at Oakland came forward and entreated him to organize them into a church, which he consented to do. The new organization is called "Immanuel's Church at Oakland." The course pursued by the missionary has been approved by the Board. His prospects now are more encouraging than they were one year ago. S. S. scholars, 70. Baptisms, 12. Appropriation last year \$400. This year the same. Pastor, C. Hartman.

OREGON.

Portland.—Three congregations, Portland, Astoria and Oak Point. Members 130. S. S. scholars, 65. Baptisms, 40. Additions, 13. Benevolence, \$25. Local Objects, \$746. Property, \$8,000. No debt. Congregation at Astoria expects to build a church; have been offered a large amount of lumber for that purpose. At Oak Point the members are also adopting measures to build a church with good prospects of success. At Portland the congregation propose to build a parsonage during the year. The Anglo-German Institute belonging to the mission is taught by the daughter of the missionary, assisted by her father and another teacher. It has met thus far with good success, and has proved itself a useful auxiliary to the mission. It is now proposed to convert this school into a Mission house, for the purpose of preparing young men for the office of the ministry and the profession of teaching in the interests of the Reformed Church on the Pacific Coast, and the missionary asks for the counsel of the Board and the Synod in the matter. The mission proposes to be self-supporting after the 1st of October, 1882, under certain conditions. Appropriation last year, \$200. Self-sustaining. Under the Board eight years. Pastor, John Gantenbein.

Salem.—Members, 56. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 7. S. S. Scholars, 20. Pastor Muellhaupt has ceased preaching at Waldo Hills, and referred the congregation to Classis for supplies, in order that he might give attention to other points, where congregations may be organized. Once a month he preaches, at present, in Albany city, where he has the prospect of organizing a congregation at an early day. Recently he visited a Swiss settlement in Washington Territory, destitute of the means of grace, where perhaps something may be accomplished in the future. For the last six years the mission at Salem has been worshipping in a rented hall, which has been a barrier in the way of its progress. Encouraged by the Board, it has recently purchased a valuable property, consisting of a church, two lots, and an old parsonage, for \$2000. In a few years it will be worth double or treble that amount. Thus far \$450 have been advanced to effect the purchase, and the balance is to be paid in two annual installments, falling due on the 1st of October, 1883 and 1884, bearing interest at nine per cent. The Board has promised to assist the mission in this undertaking, to the extent of \$250, out of monies received for church-building purposes. Of this amount \$60 have been already paid by contributions sent from the Easton and Frederick congregations, which were thankfully received by the pastor and his flock. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year the same. Pastor Muellhaupt.

Stafford, Clackamas County.—In November last the two congregations organized by pastor Lange—St. Peter's, near Oregon City, and St. John's, near New

Era,—at his request were supplied with a pastor of their own, in the person of Rev. Frederick Ewald, sent to this country last year by the St. Chrischona Pilger Institute, at Basel, Switzerland. The thirty-six members of these two small congregations now support their own pastor. The first mentioned has erected a commodious parsonage, in which it worships for the present, and expects to erect a house of worship at an early day. The church at New Era, with the help of \$50 appropriated by the Board of Missions, for which the pastor and members express their heart-felt thanks, are at present building themselves a small house of worship, which will be finished and dedicated at an early day. Pastor Lange, on account of failing health, has been compelled to confine his activity to the single congregation at Meridian, where he has been preaching, teaching school, teaching music, and catechizing the youth. Providence alone has prevented him from making long missionary tours, or assisting neighboring brethren, as he was formerly accustomed to do. It is now his purpose to make a visit to Germany, for the benefit of his health, but at the earnest entreaty of Classis and his congregation, he has promised to remain with his flock, if his health permits, until a successor comes in and takes his place. It will be observed that there are now two charges in his field, one of which is self-supporting, both of which may be said to have grown out of the small mission at Salem. Members of the Meridian congregation, 31. S. S. Scholars, 24. Baptisms, 3. Losses, 5. Additions, 2. Contributed for congregational purposes, \$400. Value of church property, \$900, dedicated, without any debt on it, in June last, amidst general rejoicing, in which neighboring congregations served by Pastor Lange took part. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year the same. Pastor Julius Lange.

West Union, Washington County.—This mission was taken under the care of the Board during the past year, and its pastor was received from a sister denomination. He has one small congregation with seventeen members, and a Sunday-school with ten scholars; but he makes many missionary tours—on foot—from place to place, preaching every Sunday, and as often as he can during the week. He has the pleasure of seeing that his labors are appreciated. Some of his hearers travel as far as ten miles, on the Sabbath, to attend divine services. Much of his time is spent in visiting the people who are scattered about, so that he may converse and pray with them, and read to them the word of God. It would assist him very much in his work, he thinks, if he could take with him, in his visits, some good books and religious tracts in the German language, and present them to the people. Some of them have no Bibles, and others have no books to read. This missionary is inadequately supported. With \$56 as salary from the people, and a small appropriation from the Board, he cannot support himself and family. It is a case in which relief is needed, especially during the coming winter. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$200. Pastor H. Stauss.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Seattlet.—Pastor Kreuter, during the year, has rendered valuable assistance to pastor Gantenbein in his missionary work. For a while he preached at the Dalles, but owing to difficulties and changes in the place, he withdrew, and by advice of Classis, has been supplying the mission at Seattlet. During the year he has also preached at Walla-Walla. Unfortunately, his annual report failed to reach the Superintendent, and he is not able to report the results of his activity. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year the same. Pastor A. Kreuter.

IOWA.

The following missions in Iowa were placed under this Board at the suggestion of the Potomac Synod, and by the request of the Classis of Iowa, and with this understanding, the Synod promised to contribute \$450 for their support during the year. The Synod of Pittsburgh further promised to contribute \$250 for the same object.

Pleasant Valley Mission, Fremont Co.—This mission was organized in May, 1879 by the Rev. D. P. Lefever with 17 members, and placed under the Board of Missions of Iowa Classis, with an appropriation.

It has at present 65 members, a Sunday-school of 30 scholars, exclusive of the adults who are accustomed to attend regularly, and a catechetical class of ten young persons. Three children were baptized, \$50 contributed to benevolence,

and \$250 for local objects. The attendance on divine services is good and improving. The new church, built in September last, cost \$1500, and was dedicated without any debt resting on it. The mission is gaining a firmer foothold in the community, has based itself on true Christian principles, and seeks to make a stand against the surrounding tide of worldliness, intemperance, the foolish amusements of the world, and other sins abounding in a new country. The support of the pastor all told, including the appropriation of the Board, during the year, did not amount to more than \$275, from which it is plain enough that, unless he had employed some means of his own (his pension), must have come to want. Appropriation last year, \$125. This year, \$125. Pastor, D. P. Lefever.

Beamen Mission, Grundy Co.—The missionary commenced his work in this field on the 1st of October, 1881, with one organized congregation. Since then he has organized another congregation at Liscomb in Marshall Co.—eighteen miles distant—with eight members. The charge thus consists of two congregations. Members, 31. S. S. scholars, 99. Benevolence, \$32.98. Local objects, \$55. One missionary society with 36 members, each paying ten cents per month. Church papers, 10. The Lord's supper administered quarterly. No church buildings, but in case there are no losses by removals or otherwise one, if not two, new churches will be erected during the coming year. Many of the members came from the East originally, and are liberal in their support of the church. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$250. Pastor, Henry Bair.

Three other missions in the Iowa Classis were taken under the Board, but from these no annual reports, giving statistics, have been received. They are as follows: *Wilton Mission*, Muscatine Co.—Appropriation, \$125. Pastor, S. C. Long; *Brandon Mission*, Buchanan Co.—Appropriation, \$180. Now vacant; and *Leighton Mission* on the rail-road running from Oskaloosa to Des Moines, vacant, but supplied by Rev. J. H. Busa. Appropriation not given.

Ursinus Union.—The Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer of the Missionary Committee of the Ursinus Union, reports that since the last annual meeting of the synod, he has received and paid out for missionary purposes \$771.61. A part of this amount was used for the support of a missionary under the care of the Board, and the balance has been paid into the treasuries of other missionary boards of the Church.

SUMMARY.

Number of missions	55, last year,	45
Members in the missions.....	5,355, "	4,159
Baptisms during the year.....	720, "	720
Additions during the year.....	655, "	588
Sunday-school scholars.....	4,886, "	3,406
Amount collected for benevolence.....	\$1,923, "	\$932
" " for local objects.....	\$25,196, "	\$18,927
Estimated value of property belonging to the missions.....	\$188,860, "	\$164,000
Reduction of Indebtedness.....	\$5,238,	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From the Treasurer's report it appears that the income of the Board during the year, from all sources up to date was, for missions \$11,804, for Washington Chapel \$3,065, and for Church Building Fund, \$54, in addition to some contributions to this object included in the general fund. Whole amount \$14,923. It compares favorably with the contributions of previous years.

For the coming year the Board will need \$16,500 in order to meet current expenses, for which we recommend that the Synods raise the following amounts:

The Synod of the United States.....	\$9,000
The Synod of the Potomac.....	4,250
The Synod of Pittsburgh.....	3,250

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board is pleased to see that our churches are beginning to send in their contributions to the Church Building Fund, and it recommends to the Synods to

reiterate their requests of last year, and encourage churches and individuals to do more for this object during the coming year.

As the Board finds it difficult to supply its missions with pastors, owing to the want of ministers, it recommends to the Synods, to adopt measures to induce more of our young men to devote themselves to the ministerial work.

The Board recommends to the Synods to adopt all suitable measures to diffuse missionary intelligence, to awaken the missionary spirit, and to develop the liberality of our people in promoting the interests of Christ's Kingdom in the missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL,

Superintendent.

September 19, 1882.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States :

I beg leave to present the following Report of the Finances of the Board during the past Synodical year.

Contributions for missions were made as follows by the several classes composing the three Synods, viz. :

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia	\$ 85 52	
" Tohickon	869 88	
" Goshenhoppen	657 68	
" East Pennsylvania	1092 18	
" Lebanon	1149 11	
" Lancaster	625 28	
" East Susquehanna	208 00	
" West Susquehanna	651 96	
" Lehigh	627 06	
Total from the Synod of the United States		\$ 5,361 62

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Zion	\$ 357 66	
" Maryland	1418 56	
" Mercersburg	1241 68	
" Virginia	801 85	
" San Francisco	24 80	
" North Carolina	75 65	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac		\$ 3,420 15

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Somerset	\$ 80 09	
From Treasurer of Synod	2874 50	
Total from Synod of Pittsburgh		\$ 2,704 59

Miscellaneous Sources.

From Locke legacy (loaned out)	\$ 500 00	
" " " (interest)	167 88	
" other legacies	78 00	
" Reformed Church, Emporia, Kan.	5 00	
" Ladies' Missionary Society, Evangelical Reformed Church, N. Y.	25 00	
" E. and S. Dieffenderfer, Michigan	10 00	
" Collections in Neb. per Rev. E. Erb	25 00	
" " at Synod of Danville	24 86	
" Loans	400 00	
		\$ 1,235 19
		\$12,721 65

Balance in the Treasury Oct. 3, 1881 . .	1,230 97
Total from all sources	\$13,952 52
<i>Note.</i> —The loan of \$400 remains unpaid.	

Disbursements.

Balance in the Treasury Oct. 3, 1881 . .	\$ 1,208 97
Paid orders of the Board during year . .	12,074 26
“ Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer of Iowa	
Classis	280 00
Balance in the Treasury Sep. 19, 1882 . .	894 29
	\$13,952 52

We certify that the foregoing account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, was this day audited by us and found correct, and a balance of three hundred and ninety-four and $\frac{18}{100}$ dollars (\$394 $\frac{18}{100}$) found in the Treasurer's hands.

Witness our hands, at Harrisburg, Pa., this 20th day of September, 1882.

W. H. H. SNYDER, } *Committee of*
D. W. GROSS, } *Auditors.*

Washington Mission.

The following sums were received during the year for Washington Mission, viz.:

From Classis of Lancaster	\$ 183 43	
“ “ Lebanon	411 00	
“ “ Lehigh	144 82	
“ “ Tohickon	164 43	
“ “ Goshenhoppen	50 00	
		\$ 953 18
“ “ Zion	25 00	
“ “ Mercersburg	214 16	
“ “ Maryland	1869 18	
		\$2108 34
One-half of Collection of Synod of Pittsburgh,		14 00
Total		\$3075 52

Note.—The Board is indebted on loan the sum of \$1600, towards the payment of which there is in the Treasury \$222.78.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

IV. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following paper was received from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened at Bellefonte, Pa., October 11, 1882.

DEAR BRETHREN: At the last quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Reformed Church in the United States for Foreign Missions, and Missions among the Indians of our own country, it was unanimously resolved to call your attention to the work of the Board, and ask your earnest and prayerful consideration and co-operation in carrying forward the movement so auspiciously inaugurated in Japan and among the

Indians. In reference to the work in Japan, we call your attention to the following facts :

1. We have secured a good and substantial property in the Foreign Concession (No. 28 Tsukiji, Tokio, Japan) as the residence of our missionary. It has been paid for, and is increasing in value.

2. Our missionary, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, has fully qualified himself to preach and teach in the Japanese language.

3. A house was hired in the city of Tokio, in which Mr. Gring has been preaching and catechizing regularly for the past three months. His plan is to open with singing, then a prayer, short sermon and singing; then a question in the catechism is put upon the black board, and all present commit it and the answer to memory before they separate.

4. This house was found to be inconvenient, and the possession of it depended on the whim of the landlord, so Mr. Gring has secured a lot in the same neighborhood, right in the heart of the great city, upon which he proposes to erect a chapel and school-room. This was provided through the agency of the native teacher, as none but natives can purchase or hold property in other than the Foreign Concession. More definite information on this matter will shortly be given to the Church.

5. Thus we have made an important commencement in that great empire and among that interesting people.

6. But we need an assistant for the missionary. All our interests there depend largely upon the health and continuance of Brother Gring. We have appealed for help. Some are considering the matter. There should some one come forward at once. The missionary appeals for help. There solitary and alone, endeavoring to plant our Church on more distant shores, that we, too, may have part in converting the heathen to Christ, his appeals to his brethren are intensified by the circumstances in which we have placed him. Will not some one hear the Macedonian cry? Dear fathers and brethren, we commend this great work to your prayers and liberality and favorable action.

Yours truly,

T. S. JOHNSTON, *Secretary.*

V. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The following report was received from the Committee on Missions and adopted :

Your Committee on Missions respectfully report that the following documents have been referred to them:

1. The Fifth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions of the Tri-synodic Board.

2. The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

3. A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Missions, transmitting a copy of several resolutions adopted by the Board.

4. A letter from the officers of the Tri-synodic Board of Missions, asking for an "enlarged sympathy and support" of the Master's cause.

5. A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

1. *Home Missions.*

The report of the Superintendent contains a detailed account of the missions under their care, including name, location, membership, additions by confirmation and certificate, Sunday-schools, contributions for benevolent and local objects, value of property, future prospects, appropriation and name of pastor. There are at present 55 missions: 80 of these are in Pennsylvania, 8 in Virginia, 1 in Delaware, 8 in Maryland, 2 in North Carolina, 1 in the District

of Columbia, 1 in New York, 1 in Kansas, 1 in Missouri, 1 in Nebraska, 2 in California, 4 in Oregon, 1 in Washington Territory, 2 in Iowa.

To sustain these missions during the coming year, \$16,500.00 will be needed. Of this amount your Committee recommend that \$9000.00 be assumed by this Synod and apportioned among the Classes on the basis of 17½ cents for every communicant member reported, viz.:

Classis of East Pennsylvania	\$1091 00
“ Lebanon	2520 00
“ Philadelphia	522 00
“ Lancaster	689 00
“ East Susquehanna	1110 00
“ West Susquehanna	652 00
“ Goshenhoppen	987 00
“ Tohickon	960 00
“ Lehigh	1249 00

\$9680 00

From the Treasurer's report we learn that \$5861.62 were received from the Synod of the United States, \$3420.15 from the Synod of the Potomac, \$2704.59 from the Synod of Pittsburgh, \$1235.19 from miscellaneous sources, and \$1230.97 as a balance in the Treasury Oct. 18, 1881. Total from all sources \$18,952.52.

Of this amount \$18,558.28 were disbursed per orders of the Board; a balance of \$394.29 remained in the Treasury September 19, 1882.

The Treasurer's report of this year, we are assured, compares favorably with the reports of previous years.

The Board owes \$1600.00 on a loan made for Washington mission, towards the payment of which there are in the Treasury only \$222.73.

The Board of Missions calls the attention of the Synod to the fact that the apportionments made for the payment of St. Stephen's Chapel in Washington, D. C., are due, and requests it to make provision for the payment of the same as promptly as possible. Therefore

Resolved, That the different Classes who are delinquent in regard to these apportionments be and hereby are earnestly requested to pay them at an early day.

It also requests the co-operation of the Synod in securing a more general introduction of the *Reformed Missionary Herald* into our congregations. We would therefore recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the *Reformed Missionary Herald* be and hereby is heartily commended to our congregations as a means to advance the cause of missions.

II. Foreign Missions.

From the letter of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Reformed Church in the United States for Foreign Missions we gather the following facts, to which its Executive Committee calls the attention of Synod:

1. A good and substantial property in the "Foreign Concession" has been bought and paid for as the residence of our foreign missionary in Tokio, Japan.

2. Our missionary is now prepared to preach and teach in the Japanese language.

3. He has been preaching and teaching regularly for the last three months.

4. Through the agency of the native teacher a lot in the heart of the great city of Tokio has been procured, upon which it is proposed to erect a chapel and school-room.

5. An assistant missionary for the foreign field has not yet been secured. The Board has made earnest efforts to secure one, but hitherto without success. Some, we are told, are considering the matter, but none has as yet been prepared to say: "Here am I; send me." In view of these facts your Committee suggest the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure of the prosperity of our mission in Japan, and hope that its future success may meet the expectations of the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That its present condition and future prospects should urge the members of the Church to contribute more freely for its support.

3. *Resolved*, That we praise God for His blessing which He has thus far bestowed upon our feeble efforts to extend His kingdom and promote His glory among the heathen, and that we beseech Him to preserve the life and health of our foreign missionary and his family.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod renewedly commends the cause of foreign missions to the prayers and liberality of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. STRASSBURGER,
T. O. STEM,
LOUIS KRAEMER.

VI. MISSIONARY SERVICES.

Special missionary services were held on Monday evening. The meeting opened with religious services. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Jas. I. Good, Dr. Theo. Appel, and Rev. J. H. Derr, who presented the need of the foreign and home field in the cause of missions. After the addresses a collection was taken for missions.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO MISSIONS.

Synod realizing the importance of securing the interest of the entire Church in the cause of missions, and believing that this work in all its departments can be satisfactorily attended to by the authorized Board of Synod, it was therefore

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, to whom this subject is referred, to propose such a basis as may be calculated to unify our mission work as now carried forward by this Synod and the Ursinus Union.

The Chair appointed Rev. J. E. Heister, D. D., J. H. Sechler, L. K. Evans, and Elders E. J. Zahm and D. B. Mauger to report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod and also the Report of Treasurer of Synod were received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance. The following is the report of the Board of Trustees:

Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened at Bellefonte, October 11, 1882.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board begs leave to present the following report:

The Board is composed of the following members:

Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, whose term expires January 1, 1883.					
John J. Nissley,	"	"	"	"	1884.
Rev. C. S. Gerhard,	"	"	"	"	1885.
R. F. Kelker,	"	"	"	"	1886.
John F. Orth,	"	"	"	"	1887.

As Rev. W. H. H. Snyder's term will expire Jan. 1, 1883, we propose the names of Rev. G. W. Snyder, of Harrisburg, and Rev. Jonathan Heister, D.D., of Annville, Pa., as suitable candidates to fill the vacancy.

The following resolution passed the Board at its late meeting :

Resolved, That the President in his annual report recommend to Synod, that but \$500 be assessed for the coming synodical year for the Sinking Fund, and that the delinquent Classes be again urged to pay the amounts due by them respectively.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. H. SNYDER, *President*.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer*. *In account with the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

1881.	DR.	
Oct. 11, To Balance in Treasury		\$ 14 13
" 13, " Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		13 32
Nov. 5, " Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		12 30
1882.		
Feb. 7, " Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		10 98
May 13, " Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		5 96
" 16, " Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		4 46
" 20, " Cash from Philadelphia Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Treas.		81 00
July 28, " Cash from East Susquehanna Classis, per George Hill, Treas.		200 00
Sept. 2, " Cash from Tohickon Classis, per I. S. Gerhart, Treas.		63 89
" 25, " " Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Treas.		138 00
" " " Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.		21 27
Oct. 3, " Cash from Lancaster Classis, per J. H. Pannebecker, Treas.		92 00
" 5, " Cash from Lehigh Classis, per Rev. N. S. Straassburger, Treas.		207 00
" " " Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. Thos. S. Johnston, Treas.		150 00
		<u>\$1014 29</u>
1881.	CR.	
Oct. 11, By Cash paid Rev. C. S. Gerhart, Travelling Expenses . . .		2 50
1882.		
Nov. 6, " " Rev. J. P. Stein, Salary as Stated Clerk, Translating Minutes of Synod, Postage, &c.		108 40

Nov. 13,	By Cash paid Rev. C. S. Gerhart, Travelling Expenses . .	1 14
" " "	" " John F. Orth, Esq. " " . .	2 35
July 28,	" " Reformed Church Pub. Board, on acct. of Printing Minutes of Synod for 1881	200 00
Sept. 2,	" Cash Paid Reformed Church Pub. Board, bal. in full for Printing Minutes of Synod	77 68
Oct. 6,	" Cash paid Wm. D. Gross, Treas. General Synod, on acct. apportionment at Tiffin, Ohio	600 00
" " "	" Balance	22 22
		<u>\$1014 29</u>

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

From Report of Board of Trustees of Synod, referred to Committee on Finance:

Resolved,—That the President in his annual report recommend to the Synod, that but \$500 be assessed for the coming Synodical Year for the Sinking Fund, and that the delinquent Classes be again urged to pay the amounts due by them respectively.

1881.		DR.	
Oct. 10,	To Balance in Treasury	33 82	
" 13,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.	9 00	
Nov. 5,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.	15 00	
1882.			
May 13,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.	16 92	
" 16,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.	6 25	
" 27,	" Cash from East Susquehanna Classis, per Geo. Hill, Esq., Treas.	120 00	
July 28,	" Cash from East Susquehanna Classis, per Geo. Hill, Esq., Treas.	150 00	
Sept. 25,	" Cash from Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Treas.	180 00	
" "	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas.	10 55	
Oct. 3,	" Cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas.	120 00	
" 5	" Cash from Lebanon, per Rev. Thos. S. Johnston, D.D., Treas.	230 00	
		<u>\$891 54</u>	

1882.		CR.	
May 2,	By Cash paid William H. Seibert, Treasurer Board of Home Missions, Six Months Interest on \$1500 Loan, to Jan. 9, 1882	45 00	
July 3,	" Cash paid William H. Seibert, Treasurer Board of Home Missions, Six Months Interest on 1500 Loan, to July 9, 1882	45 00	
Oct. 2,	" Cash paid William H. Seibert, Treasurer Board of Home Missions on acct. of \$1500 Loan	500 00	
" 6,	" Balance in Treas.	301 54	
		<u>891 54</u>	

The undersigned, appointed a Committee to audit the account of John J. Nissley, Esq., Treasurer of Synod, certify that they have compared his vouchers, and find it correct, and that there remains in his hands balance due contingent Fund of 22.22, and Sinking Fund, 301.54.

C. S. GERHARD.

J. F. OETH.

Harrisburg, Oct. 6th, 1882.

SEMINARY AND GERHART FUND.

1881.	DR.	
Oct. 10,	To Balance in hands of Treas. Uninvested part of Keiffer Legacy	\$4500 00
1882.		
Oct. 11,	" Cash from A. and S. Hoerner, 6 months interest on Cook Legacy	36 00
Jan. 24,	" Cash from Isaac Mumma, 6 months interest on Keiffer Legacy	125 00
April 2,	" Cash from Harrisburg City Bonds, 6 mos. interest on Gerhart Legacy	9 00
May 2,	" Cash from A. and S. Hoerner, 6 months interest on Cook Legacy	36 00
July 25,	" Cash from Isaac Mumma, 6 months interest on Keiffer Legacy	125 00
Sept. 28,	" Cash from Leonard Mountz, 6 months interest on Keiffer Legacy	62 50
" "	" Cash from Leonard and Adam Mountz, 6 mos. interest on Keiffer Legacy	50 00
Oct. 2,	" Cash from Harrisburg City Bonds, 6 mos. interest on Gerhart Legacy	9 00
		<u>\$4952 50</u>
1882.	CR.	
Feb. 7,	By Cash paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, 6 months interest on \$36 Cook, and \$125 Keiffer Legacy . .	\$161 00
April 1,	" Cash paid Leonard Mountz, Loan on Mortgage Keiffer Legacy	2500 00
" "	" Cash paid Leonard and Adam Mountz, Loan on Mortgage Keiffer Legacy	2000 00
July 28,	" Cash paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, 6 mos. int. on Cook \$36, and Keiffer \$125 Legacies . .	161 00
Sept. 2,	" Cash paid John B. Roth, Treas., 6 mos. interest Keiffer Legacy	112 50
Oct. 2,	" Cash paid R. F. Kelker, Treas. Foreign Mission, 1 year's interest on \$100 Gerhart Legacy	6 00
" "	" Cash paid Wm. H. Seibert, Treas. Home Missions, one year's interest on \$100 Gerhart Legacy	6 00
" "	" Cash paid Chas. G. Fisher, Treas. Board of Education, 1 year's interest on \$100 Gerhart Legacy	6 00
		<u>\$4952 50</u>

The following Classes within the bounds of this Synod are in arrears, viz. :

<i>On Contingent Account.</i>			<i>Sinking Fund Account.</i>		
Years.	Oct. 6, 1882.		Years.	Oct. 6, 1882.	
1881 Lebanon Classis		\$264 00	1881 Lebanon Classis		\$310 00
1881 West Susquehanna		96 22	1880 West Susquehanna	42 03	
1880 East Pennsylvania	55 00		1881	135 00	
1881 "	184 00			177 03	
	—	239 00	1881 Lehigh		270 00
1880 East Susquehanna	27 50		1879 East Pennsylvania	52 25	
1881 "	173 00		1880 "	50 00	
	—	200 50	1881 "	240 00	
1881 Tohickon (now paid)	86 11			342 25	
1877 Philadelphia	44 00		1881 East Susquehanna	202 50	
1878 "	75 00		1881 Tohickon (now pd.)	195 00	
1880 " (paid)	59 00		1881 Philadelphia, \$36 on		
1881 " arrear	81 00		acct., arr. \$69		105 00
now \$200.00	—	259 00			
					\$1601 78
		\$1144 83			

Reverend Fathers and Brethren: In presenting this, my fourth annual report, I beg to state that there have been no changes made in the investments of Synod during the past year, and that the \$4500 balance of the Keiffer Legacy uninvested at the last meeting of the Synod, has since been invested. \$2500 loaned to Leonard Mountz, on a Judgment Bond secured by a first Mortgage on his Farm, situate in West Hanover Township, Dauphin County. The balance, \$2000, is loaned to Leonard and Adam Mountz, also on a Judgment Bond secured by a first Mortgage on their farm, situate in the same township and county aforesaid, both loans bearing interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually. Both investments are considered first class, and have been made by and with the consent of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

The Treasurer desires to inform Synod that he has paid \$500 on account of principal of loan from the Board of Home Missions, leaving a balance of \$1000 unpaid. And also that he has paid \$600 on account of apportionment by General Synod at Tiffin, Ohio, leaving a balance of \$480 unpaid. And the \$1500 additional assumed by Synod toward paying the amount due on the Estate of N. Fisher.

The Treasurer is pleased to inform Synod that some of the Classes have heeded the request of Synod, and paid their apportionments promptly, while others are still in arrears, for both Sinking and Contingent Fund Account.

In reply to the resolution of Synod, requesting the treasurer to ascertain the amount due Brother Gelbach, I beg to report that the amount due May 18th, 1878, was \$702.11; 4 years and 141 days interest to October 7th, 1882, \$184.89, making a total of \$887.

The Treasurer desires to call the attention of Synod to a letter received per Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Treas. of East Pennsylvania Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NIBLEY, Treas.

Hummelstown, Pa., Oct. 6th, 1882.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows:—

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to report that the following items were referred to it for consideration:

- I. The Treasurer's report.
 - II. The Gelbach claim.
 - III. A resolution from the Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.
 - IV. An item from the Minutes of Philadelphia Classis referring to a discrepancy between Synodical Minutes and the Minutes of Philadelphia Classis with relation to arrearages of said Classis on Contingent Fund.
- 1st. Your Committee examined the Treasurer's Report, and find a balance of \$22.22 credited to Contingent Fund; and balance of \$301.64 credited to Sinking Fund.

The Treasurer reports:

1. That the \$4,500 balance of Kieffer Legacy uninvested at last meeting of Synod was invested during the year in two judgment-bonds (\$2,500 and \$2,000 respectively), secured by first mortgage, both bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.
2. That he has paid \$500 on account of principal of loan from Board of Home Missions, leaving a balance of \$1,000 unpaid.
3. That the \$1,500 apportioned at the meeting of Synod last year to meet indebtedness of the Publication Board to the estate of N. Fisher, deceased, is still unpaid.
4. That \$600 of the apportionment on this Synod by General Synod has been paid on account, leaving balance of \$480 unpaid.

1st Item. That the arrearages on Contingent and Sinking Funds are as follows:—

	<i>Contingent Fund.</i>		<i>Sinking Fund.</i>
1881 Lebanon . . .	\$264 00	1881 Lebanon . . .	310 00
	<u>\$264 00</u>		<u>\$310 00</u>
1881 West Susquehanna 96 22		1880 West Susquehanna 42 08	
	96 22	1881 " "	185 00
1880 East Pennsylvania 55 00			<u>177 08</u>
1881 " "	184 00	1881 Lehigh	270 00
	<u>239 00</u>		<u>270 00</u>
1880 East Susquehanna 27 50		1879 East Pennsylvania 52 25	
1881 " "	173 00	1880 " "	50 00
	<u>200 50</u>	1881 " "	240 00
1877 Philadelphia . .	44 00		<u>842 25</u>
1878 " . .	75 00	1881 East Susquehanna 202 50	
1880 " . .	59 00		<u>202 50</u>
1881 " . .	81 00	1881 Tohickon	195 00
	<u>259 00</u>		<u>195 00</u>
1881 Tohickon . . .	86 11	1881 Philadelphia . .	105 00
	<u>86 11</u>		<u>105 00</u>
	<u>\$1144 83</u>		<u>\$1601 78</u>

2d item. In accordance with the request of Synod, we have examined into the Gelbach claim and find from the Treasurer's Report that the amount due Geo. Gelbach, May 18, 1878, was \$702.11; 4 years and 141 days' interest to Oct. 7, 1882, \$184.89, making a total of \$887.

3d item. Assuming \$500 the amount necessary to meet the current expenses of the present synodical year, we recommend the following apportionments:

For Contingent Fund.

East Pennsylvania Classis	\$50
Lebanon "	130
Philadelphia "	30
Lancaster "	35
East Susquehanna "	50
West Susquehanna "	35
Goshenhoppen "	50
Tohickon "	50
Lehigh "	70
Total	\$500

To meet the \$1,000 due the Board of Home Missions, we apportion for Sinking Fund the \$500 recommended by the Board of Trustees of Synod, together with \$500 additional upon the Classes as follows:

For Sinking Fund.

East Pennsylvania Classis	\$100
Lebanon "	240
Philadelphia "	70
Lancaster "	80
East Susquehanna "	100
West Susquehanna "	80
Goshenhoppen "	100
Tohickon "	100
Lehigh "	140
Total	\$1,010

4th item. Whereas the arrearages on Contingent Fund amount to \$1,144.83, therefore—

a. *Resolved*, That we enjoin upon the delinquent Classes to make prompt payment of the same.

Whereas the \$1,000 apportioned upon the Classes for the Sinking Fund will liquidate the debt (on account of which this fund was created), provided the amounts unpaid on said fund are paid up, therefore—

b. *Resolved*, That we earnestly and respectfully recommend that the Classes take such measures as will meet both the amounts unpaid and the apportionment now made.

5th item. Your Committee has been unable to obtain any definite information with reference to the item referred from the Minutes of Philadelphia Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. SECHLER,	} Committee.
D. B. ALBRIGHT,	
J. E. HEISTER,	
JAMES T. REBER,	
J. G. BROWN.	

An election was held to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod. The President appointed Elders T. T. Miller and S. Boltz tellers, who received the votes, counted them, and reported the election to have resulted in the choice of Rev. J. E. Heister, D.D., of Annville, Pa.

Rev. Thomas N. Reber and Elder D. S. Raber were appointed a committee to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents from each member of Synod to defray the immediate contingent expenses of

Synod. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents from each member of Synod to defray the contingent expenses of this meeting, beg leave to report—

That the work of the Committee has been attended to ; that every member now on the roll has paid the same, and that \$16 has been realized, which has been passed over into the hands of the Pastor Locī.

Respectfully submitted,

T. N. REBER.

SYNODICAL APPORTIONMENTS.

The Committee appointed a year ago to take into consideration the question of Synodical Apportionments for Missions and other purposes, presented its report. The report was taken up item by item, amended and adopted. The report is as follows :

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States in session at Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.

Dear Brethren: The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod on Synodical Assessments offer the following report :

One of the most difficult practical questions with which Synod is confronted from year to year is that of assessments. The members of Synod always differ in reference to the principle or basis upon which the assessments ought to be made. This is mainly owing to the many modifying circumstances which cannot help but exist within the boundaries of an organization covering as large a territory as the Synod of the United States. Some of the congregations are located in cities, some in towns, and some in the country. Some are wealthy ; others are poor. In some the spirit of beneficence has been cultivated ; in others not, or only to a very limited extent.

These circumstances, in addition to the fact that some congregations do not send their benevolent contributions to the Synod's Boards, but forward their moneys directly to the congregations and beneficiary students whom they desire to assist, make the subject unusually perplexing, and no basis can be agreed upon which will be equally well adapted to all the Classes and congregations.

The one which the Committee are about to recommend they believe to be the most equitable, and in all respects best calculated to reach the desired result, provided that it be heartily endorsed by the pastor and elders, and the proper effort be made to carry out its provisions.

The Committee recommend the following resolutions for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That all apportionments made by Synod are an expression of the needs of the Church, and that the gifts of the people are voluntary offerings to Christ.

2. *Resolved*, That the moneys that Synod may at any time wish to raise be apportioned among the Classes on the basis of communicant membership.

3. *Resolved*, That it is the desire of Synod that all contributions for benevolent purposes be reported by Classes to Synod, in order that the congregations making them may receive proper credit on the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. GERHARD, I. K. LOOS.

H. MOSSER, J. KEHM.

To the request of the Classis of Lehigh in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the following answer is given :

Resolved, That according to the report on Synodical Apportionment just adopted, the deduction asked for shall be made. Lehigh Classis is referred to the aforesaid report.

After the adoption of the Report on Assessments, several resolutions touching this subject claimed the attention of Synod. These were referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. E. Hiester, D.D., N. S. Strassburger, J. H. Sechler, E. J. Zahm and D. B. Mauger. The report was received, acted on item by item, and adopted. The report reads as follows:

Your Committee appointed to consider and report upon the general subject of Apportionments, recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the judgment of this Synod that apportionments for the various benevolent objects of the Church should be based on the number of communicant-members of the Church, and that the several Classes, in making apportionments, are hereby directed to make them on this basis, with such modifications, as for instance pecuniary and moral ability, and as other circumstances may seem to require, of which the Classes are the best judges.

2. That it is the sense of Synod that any and all moneys given for benevolent purposes by the congregations or charges within its bounds, should be reported by such congregations or charges to the Classis with which they stand connected, to the end that the Church may know the sum total given for this purpose.

3. That each particular charge or congregation shall be free to determine to what particular object or objects within the bounds of our branch of the Reformed Church its benevolent contributions shall be appropriated; but to preserve better order in these operations, all contributions for the various benevolent purposes represented by organized Boards, elected by Synod, shall pass through their hands in some form, either in the form of receipt or cash, whether designed for the support of the objects or persons under their care or not.

4. That the apportionments contemplated by the first recommendation of this report are in no sense to be considered as compulsory, but are simply advisory as to the minimum amount needed to carry forward the objects named in these apportionments, and that therefore no Classis, congregation or charge is to be considered or held as a debtor or delinquent should it fail to raise the amount of its apportionment.

5. That in departing from the custom of assessments, as it heretofore prevailed, Synod calls the attention of all the Classes, and through them, of all pastors, to the great importance of so guiding and directing the work of benevolence as to draw forth the full resources of the Church, so that the great work of missions and other worthy objects may not languish or suffer for want of proper support.

6. We also recommend the appointment of a committee to consider and, if possible, devise some plan for the union of all our missionary work under one head, said committee to report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

J. E. HIESTER, EDW. J. ZAHM,
N. S. STRASSBURGER, D. B. MAUGER.
JOHN H. SECHLER,

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee on Minutes of Classis in regard to the items contained in their report under the head of Irregularities was affirmed.

The first and second items, under the subject of Appeals, in the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Classes, were referred

to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Wm. H. Groh, J. E. Hiester and A. B. Cressman, who submitted the following report, which was adopted. The report reads as follows :

Your committee appointed to investigate the appeals of Revs. A. F. Ziegler and P. P. A. Hoffman, would respectfully report: That there is no evidence at hand that these brethren have taken all the constitutional steps necessary to prosecute their several cases before the Synod. Hence their appeals are not in order.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. GROH, *Chairman.*

In the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the attention of Synod was called to the error in the statistical table of crediting the Jordan charge in the classis of Lehigh last year with only \$49 for benevolence instead of \$419, as it should be.

The stated clerk was ordered to make the correction by appending a foot note to the statistical table of the Classis of Lehigh for the present year.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the action of Synod.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Committee appointed by the President of the Synod on Religious Services, made provision for the discussion of Sunday-school Topics on Friday evening during the sessions of Synod. The subjects discussed were: How to Teach; Alms-giving, and The Benefit to be Derived from Lesson Reviews. As no necessity seems to exist for a Sunday-school Board, and no reports have been received from those elected to that position, it was resolved that the Sunday-school Board be dissolved.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Synods of the United States, the Potomac and Pittsburgh, The Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States respectfully submits the following report:—

During the past year the Board has held three regular meetings. At the first meeting George Gelbach was elected *President*, and Chas. G. Fisher, *Secretary* and *Treasurer* for the ensuing year; the latter was also elected *Superintendent* of the Board. It is perhaps needless to say that at all these, due attention was given to the interests committed to its charge.

It gives the Board great pleasure to report that the year just closed has been one of decided improvement and great encouragement in its affairs and operations. In the two Departments—Periodical and Book—there has been an advance in the receipts over those of last year.

From the Annual Statement of the Superintendent submitted at the last meeting of the Board, the following summary is gathered, indicating the financial condition of the Establishment:—

Receipts of the year.....	\$43,447.57	
Disbursements	42,953.78	
Excess of Receipts.....	493.79	
Liabilities, July 31, 1881	34,434.48	
Liabilities, July 31, 1882	30,827.32	
Decrease of Liabilities.....	3,607.16	
General Assets, July 31, 1881.....	42,949.47	
General Assets, July 31, 1882.....	42,879.50	
Decrease of Assets.....	69.97	
General Assets.....	42,879.50	
Add Real Estate	35,000.00	
Total Assets.....		77,879.50
General Liabilities.....	30,827.32	
Add Mortgage	20,000.00	
		\$50,827.32
Excess of Assets.....		\$27,052.18

As to the Periodicals, it is also gathered from this Statement, that there is taken as a whole, a considerable increase in their number during the year. Some have suffered a falling off, whilst others have made a decided advance. This will be noticed as they are taken up in their order. "*The Messenger*" has had the addition of 232 subscribers over the discontinuances that usually occur—the whole number of subscribers being, at this time, a fraction less than 6500, which is more than double the number it had when the Publication Office was removed from Chambersburg to Philadelphia in 1864. The continued increase of subscribers is greatly owing to the active operations of our General Agent, H. K. Binkley, in the different charges, he, with the co-operation of the Pastors, has been able to canvass.

In the number of subscribers of "*The Guardian*" there has been a slight decrease of 129. This has been mainly owing to the fact of the Board issuing during the year "*The Scholars' Quarterly*" which some teachers or schools have taken in preference to it as a help in giving instruction in the Sunday School.

It was indeed expected that it would suffer a greater reduction in number, for the reason given, than it has. It gives the Board pleasure to say, that, as a magazine, it is growing in favor among the young of the church, and holding its former position among the Teachers as a valuable help to them in their Sunday School work.

There has also been a decrease of subscribers for "*The Reformed Quarterly Review*" to the number of 25. We should be enabled to report to the contrary in regard to this Periodical. We note also a small decrease in the number of subscribers for "*The Child's Treasury*"—Monthly and Semi-Monthly—115 in the one and 431 in the other. This may be accounted for in the fact that in the endeavor to strike a higher plane—namely, to meet the wants of the youth in our Sunday Schools—there has been a necessary turning from it on the part of the younger children, to "*Sunshine*," it seeming to meet their wants the better. This fact, however, does not detract from the character of the paper in the least, but is the natural consequence of that which has been stated. The paper has evidently been edited with marked ability and to the general satisfaction of its readers.

"*Sunshine*" has increased the greatest in number—1337, and is, we are glad to say, growing in favor and interest.

The decided increase in our Sunday School Helps as a whole, outside of "*The Guardian*," shows conclusively the wisdom of the Synods in committing the preparation of the Lessons and Comments to the management of the Board. The arrangement thus far, has proven satisfactory and they, as well as the form in which they have been issued, have met with general acceptance. Up to the end of

the present fiscal year—running but three-quarters of the year—the number of subscribers for “*The Scholar’s Quarterly*” has been 9800, and for the “*Primary Lesson Paper*,” 5952, which is certainly up to the expectations of the most sanguine as to the circulation they would have the first year of their issue. Their present circulation is sufficient to insure their having, in due course of time, a wider and greater one and ably filling a long felt want in the Sunday School work of the church. This success of the new Periodicals, has necessarily caused a decrease of 4168 in the number of the former “*Lesson Paper*,” now known as the “*Advanced*,” but this is greatly overbalanced by the increase of all over what was the number issued last year, which increase is 11,569.

In the Book Department it gives the Board great pleasure to note, as last year, a marked improvement. The Church is more and more coming to the point of giving its patronage to its *own* Book Store. The receipts in this Department have been over \$2000 more than last year. This has been owing to an increase of trade and a more thorough collection of accounts. It is still believed by the Board that the Church will, in time, see its obligation in giving its undivided support to this particular branch of the Board’s operations and find it to its interest to do so.

The number of books printed for this Department during the year has been 26,250, including over 14,000 Church Almanacs.

Wishing to bring the business of the Book Department especially, as near as possible to a *cash* basis, with the beginning of the next fiscal year (Aug. 1st, 1882), it is proposed to allow a discount of 5 per cent. on all bills—if paid within 30 days of date of same. It is to be hoped that this will have the desired effect and prove to be beneficial to both the buyer and the seller.

The Committee, as in other years, to whom belongs the duty of examining the stock in the store and investigating the financial condition of the Board, was duly appointed, and submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

Philadelphia, Sept. 8th, 1882.

Brethren of the Board of Publication.—Your Committee appointed to examine the stock and accounts of the Publishing House beg leave to report:—

That we carefully went over the stock and found it in a good condition. We found it necessary to make but few deductions, and it is the opinion of your Committee that it is worth its present estimated value. We find the stock in the store so arranged that it is easy to see the amount of each class of goods. The store books we find in a good business condition. The new accounts are not large and but little loss need be sustained. The old accounts are in the hands of the collector, and a fair percentage is being collected. You will find statements of stock in store and also of book accounts accompanying this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. B. WINGERD,
B. WOLFF, JR.

The Board has made a satisfactory adjustment of the claim of the Estate of the late Treasurer against it, in the matter of advances made by him, and in accordance with his wishes as expressed in his last will and testament, which were reported to the Synod last year.

During the year the Board has matured the plan of Life-Membership subscriptions of \$100.00 each for “*The Messenger*.” This Plan had its origin in a suggestion to that effect, made by an Elder on the floor of Synod at Danville, Pa. The Board thinking well of it, followed it and the result is, a favorable beginning has already been made in securing such. The Plan has been fully explained in the columns of “*The Messenger*,” so that it is not necessary to give it here. By resolution of the Board, the amounts received from this source are to be applied to the liquidation of the debt of the Board. An effort has been made to secure an efficient agent to canvass the church for the purpose of securing at least *One Hundred* such subscriptions. It is to be hoped that in this, the Board may be successful, and that the Plan itself may be put into full operation. It certainly

should commend itself to those who are possessed with the means that would enable them to come thus to the help of the Board in its endeavors to rise above its weight of debt, and thus help it to reach that day, when it will be able to devote, what it now pays out of its income for interest, to enlarging its operations in the way of publishing books and the like.

At the last meeting of the Board, the Superintendent was instructed to issue the Music or Tunes for the "Hymns for the Reformed Church" as prepared by the Committee of the Synods, in a separate book; also a pocket, or a 32mo. edition of the Hymns alone, with and without the Forms of the Order of Worship. He was also instructed to re-stereotype, with some improvements in a mechanical way, the Heidelberg Catechism. It is proposed to issue these as soon as possible; one and perhaps all of them, before the end of the year.

The Board has always felt the great necessity of the Church keeping before it continually the wants of its Publication interests, and giving its members an opportunity of contributing towards them. This can be done by lifting at least one collection in each congregation during the year. In years gone by, the Synods have passed resolutions to this effect, but nothing has resulted therefrom. As there now seems to be a greatly revived interest in this part of church activity, the Board at its last meeting passed the following resolution:—

Resolved:—That we hereby renewedly overture the Synods represented in this Board, to see that at least one collection a year be lifted in each congregation belonging to the Synods and paid to our Treasurer, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, for the use of the Publication Board."

Should the Synods take favorable action upon this matter, it is proposed to pursue a plan by which the pastors and congregations shall be kept in mind of the wish of the Synod to which they belong, in regard to this matter.

In February last, a change was made in the Business Agent in charge of the Book Department, by the retirement of Mr. Chas. H. Taylor who had been in the service of the Board for several years. Mr. Louis Boettger, lately in the employ of the American Tract Society, Philadelphia, and a member of the Reformed Church, was appointed to that position. It is to be hoped his long experience may enable him to bring his particular Department up to what it should be—a Church Book Store—as well as a source of much revenue to the Board.

At the request of the present Editor of the "*Reformed Quarterly Review*," the Board appointed Rev. J. M. Titzel, D.D., as Co-Editor of the same—the appointment to go into effect at the beginning of the next year—the addition of another Editor not involving an increase of expense in the way of salary. Important improvements are contemplated in the conduct of this time-honored Quarterly with the opening of the new volume.

The terms of the following Trustees of the Board will expire at the end of the present year:—George Gelbach, from the Synod of the United States, and Adam B. Wingerd from the Synod of the Potomac. It will devolve, therefore, upon these two Synods, at their next annual Sessions, to fill the vacancies that will thus occur in the Board.

The Board has great reason to be gratified at the present prosperous condition of the important interests committed to its care, and is greatly encouraged to go forward; all it asks is the hearty and united co-operation and substantial aid and support of the Church—which it has every reason to expect—and there is full assurance that greater results and a far brighter day for the REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD may be reached in the near future.

CHAS. G. FISHER, *Secretary*.

GEO. GELBACH, *President*.

Sept. 15, 1882.

The following report was received from the Committee to Superintend the Publication of the "*Hausfreund*," and referred to the Committee on Publication;

NAZARETH, PA., Oct. 9, 1882.

To the Rev. Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The undersigned respectfully submit to your Rev. Body the following report on the "*Reformirte Hausfreund*":

The circulation of the "Reformirte Hausfreund" is at present 2,800 copies, which is a considerable increase over the circulation of last year. The prospects for the paper are better now than for some years.

It is still edited by Rev. B. Bausman, and published at Reading, Pa.

During the year the sum of \$100.00 was given to Church Extension from the income of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. REINCKE,

Chairman of Classical Committee on the "Reformed Hausfreund."

The Committee on Publication, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, amended and adopted.

The report reads as follows :

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Committee on Publication respectfully report, That they have examined the annual report of the Board of Publication, a statement of its receipts and disbursements during the year ending Aug. 1st, 1882, and of its liabilities and assets to the same date ; and also a report of the Committee on the "Reformirte Hausfreund."

It affords your Committee great pleasure to report that the year just closed shows decided improvements in the affairs and operations of the Board. Especially gratifying is the fact that the total liabilities have been decreased about \$8,600 during the last year.

The subscriptions to the "Messenger" have been considerably increased ; while the unexpectedly large circulation of the "Scholar's Quarterly," and the great increase in the circulation of the "Sunshine," at once easily account, and much more than compensate for, the slight falling off in the circulation of the "Guardian," the "Lesson Sheets," and the "Child's Treasury."

Taken as a whole, there has been an encouraging increase in the circulation of our publications for the last year.

The "Reformirte Hausfreund" is still edited by the Rev. B. Bausman, D.D., and reports a considerable increase in its circulation over last year, numbering 2,600 subscribers. During the last year the sum of 100 dollars was given to Church Extension from the income of this excellent paper.

Your Committee regards the present outlook of our publication interests more hopeful for the future than at any time since the removal to the City of Philadelphia, and take pleasure in recommending the following resolutions for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That we again commend to the pastors and congregations within our bounds, through the Classes, all the periodicals published under the direction of the Board of Publication.

2. *Resolved*, That the "Scholar's Quarterly" and "Primary Lesson Papers" meet the expectations of the Church, and have proven themselves valuable helps in our Sunday School work, and that the several Classes of this Synod be and are hereby requested to call the attention of their Sunday Schools to the same, and urge them to adopt them wherever it is practicable.

3. *Resolved*, That the several Classes of this Synod are hereby earnestly requested to recommend to the Sunday Schools within their bounds to give the Board their patronage and individual support in this branch of their operations.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod approves of the appointment of Rev. J. M. Titzel, D.D., as Co-Editor of the "Reformed Church Quarterly."

The term of office of Elder Geo. Gelbach in the Publication Board having expired, your Committee would respectfully recommend his re-election.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. KOPLIN, *Chairman.*
E. V. GEEHART.
JOSHUA H. DEER.
J. G. BROWN.
D. S. REBER.

The term of George Gelbach on the Board of Publication being ended, he was unanimously re-elected to this position.

The item in the Report on Overtures in regard to the position of a Synodical Editor was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. W. H. H. Snyder, J. H. Dubbs, Jas. I. Good, and Elders Jas. T. Reber and J. G. Brown.

The report of this committee was read and adopted.

The report is as follows :

Your Committee, to whom was submitted an overture requesting this Synod to define the relation of its Synodical Editor to the "Messenger" and the Editor-in-Chief, beg leave to offer the following :

According to the arrangement entered into by the Synod of the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac, the Editor-in-Chief of the "Messenger" was elected by all three to take charge of the paper, control all the matter in its columns, and be responsible for all of its utterances. He is the officer of all the Synods, and must have reference to the interests of each.

The Synodical Editors are chosen to co-operate with him, and assist him in his work of promoting the upholding of the Church through the "Messenger." Their contributions have a place of honor on the editorial page, and any work they may do for any department of the paper is recognized as work done officially. This arrangement goes upon the presumption that there will be no arbitrary exercise of authority upon the part of any one, and upon this point there has never been any complaint, nor is it likely that any will arise. The question which your Committee is asked to answer is not grounded upon any grievance, but is simply for information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SNYDER,	} <i>Committee.</i>
J. H. DUBBS,	
JAS. I. GOOD,	
JAS. T. REBER,	
J. G. BROWN,	

The Synodical Editor, Rev. J. H. Sechler, presented the following preamble as the ground for his withdrawal from the position as Synodical Editor :

If by the action of Synod to-day, this body decides that the articles of its Synodical Editor shall be subject to the supervision of the Editor-in-Chief of the "Messenger," I herewith beg leave respectfully to resign the position of Synodical Editor.

Synod accepted of the resignation. Rev. H. H. W. Hibschan, D.D., was nominated to fill this position, and was elected by accla-

mation Synodical Editor for two years, being the unexpired term of the former Synodical Editor.

The Stated Clerk informed the Synod that he had complied with the instruction received with regard to the publication of the minutes of its Annual Sessions.

The President of Synod appointed a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, T. O. Stem, and Elder H. C. Hoover, to whom several requests in the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, in regard to the distribution of the published minutes of Synod, were referred. The Committee presented their report, which was adopted. It reads as follows:

Your Committee, to whom the items relating to the distribution of the Minutes of Synod have been referred, respectfully report, That the Classes be hereby directed to report in their statistical tables the number of minutes they desire, and that the Stated Clerk be guided by these figures in printing and distributing them.

J. H. PANNEBECKER.
T. O. STEM.
H. C. HOOVER.

In addition to this report, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk is hereby directed to publish 500 English and 100 German copies of the Minutes of Synod in excess of the minutes asked for.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk is hereby authorized to publish 1,700 copies in the English, and 600 copies in the German language, of the Minutes of Synod for the present Synodic year.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby requests the Reformed Church Publication Board to change the title of the Sunday School paper called the "Child's Treasury," by dropping the word "Child's."

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported an item requesting Synods and Classes carefully to examine the revised Constitution as published in the Minutes of General Synod, and to give an expression of opinion on certain proposed changes in our practical Church government. This whole subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., N. S. Strassburger, J. H. Dubbs, D. D., Elders Charles Denues and Geo. Hill, to report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

In the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, there was a request from Philadelphia Classis to Synod for its judgment in

regard to the relation of an Elder to Classis before admitted by credential. This subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. I. K. Loos, D. E. Klopp, D. D., and Elder J. Gorgas. The committee presented a report, which was adopted. The report reads as follows:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the overture of the Philadelphia Classis to Synod for its judgment on the question of the relation of an Elder to the Classis before his credentials are presented and acted on by the Classis, offers the following report:

A Classis when fully organized consists of all the ministers and delegated elders of the congregations within a certain district designated by Synod. The congregation or congregations comprising a pastoral charge are represented by their minister and an elder deputed by them, and furnished with proper credentials. A Classis consists of two factors,—the clerical and lay, ministers and elders. The clerical factor changes only by the death or removal of a minister; the lay changes in most cases annually. The minister's membership does not expire with the classical year; that of the elder, on the other hand, usually does.

Elders become members of Classis only on the reception and approval of their credentials and the consequent enrollment of their names. And it is only on the reception of the credentials of a delegate that a Classis comes officially to know that the elder is accredited to it.

In view of these facts, your Committee would suggest the adoption of the following:

1. An Elder delegated to Classis by a Consistory is not a member of Classis until his credentials are received and approved.
2. Should he not come to Classis and present his credentials, or come late, he is amenable not to Classis but to the Consistory that appointed him.

Respectfully submitted,

I. K. LOOS, *Chairman*.

D. E. KLOPP.

J. GORGAS.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In the afternoon of the third day of the Sessions, Rev. J. H. Derr, M. A. Smith, and Elder L. Kreamer were appointed a committee, through whom all applications for leave of absence shall be presented to Synod.

The committee reported from time to time the applications made to them for absence, when the Synod was brought to a direct vote on them in each case.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Bethany Orphans' Home, brought to the attention of Synod by the report of the Committee on Overtures, was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. A. B. Koplin, D. E. Schoedler, W. H. H. Snyder, Elders J. G. Brown and H. C. Hoover.

STATEMENT OF BETHANY ORPHANS' HOME.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In behalf of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., the undersigned respectfully present to your reverend body the following statement:

As is known to you all, on November 11th the main building of our Home was destroyed by fire. In the kind providence of God all the inmates were saved, but the most of the furniture was destroyed. The whole amount of insurance on the property was \$12,400. Of this amount \$2000 was for the furniture. The whole of this insurance was promptly paid. Feeling convinced that the Church desired the erection of another building, the Board at once took steps to have this accomplished. A large, commodious brick edifice is now in process of erection, which we expect to dedicate in December next. It will be larger, and, for our purpose, better arranged than the old one was. The cost of the building alone will be \$21,000. The furniture, gas arrangement, steam-heating apparatus, and other needed improvements will increase the expenses from \$7000 to \$8000. Of this amount we still need about \$5000. We appeal to the benevolent people of our Church to help us dedicate this building free from debt.

Since the destruction of the building, the family of the Home have found shelter in the dwelling of the Superintendent and in other buildings on the premises. Want of room has prevented us from admitting orphans since then. A small number have left to remain. The conduct and health of the children have been remarkably good. The officers and employees of the Home have borne the discomforts of our imperfect accommodations with cheerful patience. Our farm has produced encouraging crops. The receipts for current expenses during the year amounted to \$8554.55, which amount was inadequate to meet all the debts incurred. The fire entailed upon the Home unusual current expenses. Special arrangements had to be made, and buildings not intended for dwellings had to be made habitable. The bulk of the contributions have naturally been designated for the building fund, so that a deficit remains for current expenses. The Board feels deeply thankful to God for the helpful, sympathizing friends which He has brought to the support of our chastened Home of the fatherless. To the kindly sympathy and prayers of these friends we commit it in the future.

B. BAUSMAN, *President Board Managers.*

D. B. ALBRIGHT, *Superintendent.*

The Committee submitted the following report, which was acted on item by item and adopted. The report as adopted reads as follows:

BETHANY ORPHANS' HOME.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home would respectfully report as follows:

From this report we learn that, during the past year, our beloved "Bethany Orphans' Home" was destroyed by fire; that by the kind providence of the Father of the orphan all the inmates escaped unhurt; that the Board of Managers immediately secured as comfortable quarters for the inmates of the Home as possible; that they proceeded at once to prepare the way for the erection of a new edifice, and called upon the Church to contribute funds for the same; that the Church responded nobly to their call, yet, in order to be able to complete and furnish the new building, at least five thousand dollars more will be required. For the speedy contribution of this sum, the Board appeals to the benevolent people of the Church, in order that the new building may be dedicated free of debt.

We learn further that, owing to an indebtedness of \$3000 on the previous year, and the unusual current expenses made necessary by the fire, the contributions during the past year towards this object were insufficient to meet the expense incurred.

In view of the foregoing, your Committee would respectfully recommend the following for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That it is with feelings of devout gratitude to Almighty God that this Synod records the providential escape from the injury and death of all inmates of the Home.

2. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the Board of Managers for their prompt action in providing temporary habitations for the orphans, and the erection of the commodious edifice which is now approaching completion.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod commends the prompt and liberal response of our people to the call of the Board for funds for the erection of the new building, and that all the pastors within the bounds of this Synod be and are hereby requested to lift a collection in each of his congregations during the month of November next, and appropriate the proceeds of the same to the "building fund" of Bethany Orphans' Home.

4. *Resolved*, That all our pastors be requested to keep the cause of the orphans before the attention of their people, and ask their liberal contributions in its behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. KOPLIN, *Chairman*.

D. E. SCHROEDLER.

W. H. H. SNYDER.

J. G. BROWN.

H. C. HOOVER.

The Committee appointed a year ago to report on the care of the indigent submitted their report, which was adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE "CARE OF THE INDIGENT."

To the Reverend Synod of the United States:

In the printed minutes of the Synod of the United States, held in Danville, Pa., in last October, we find (on page 59) the following record:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five, three ministers and two elders, be appointed, who shall take into consideration the advisability on the part of the Church of taking some steps for the purpose of caring for indigent persons of our communion, and that the committee suggest some plan looking to this end, and report at the next annual meeting."

Your committee, appointed under this action, is of the opinion that the resolution calls for a report upon the advisability of making some provision for indigent persons in our communion who may be *advanced in years*. This impression comes from recollections of the debate had upon the subject at the time the action was taken, rather than from any direct statement in the minutes. The report on the Orphans' Home was under discussion, and in that connection the mind of the Synod went out in inquiry as to the Church's duty to those who might be laboring under the weight of years and yet be without adequate support. And surely this class of persons should have not only sympathy but help. Ministers of the Word, their wives and others, who have spent their lives in the service of Christ, may be left homeless and penniless in the evening of their days, and it is contrary to the spirit of the Gospel to throw them upon the charities of the world.

Therefore your committee would make the following suggestions :

(1) That while such persons have proper claims upon the members of the Church in general, and should be supported by contributions from them, yet under present circumstances we recommend that the attention of persons of means in our Church be directed to this interest, in the hope that by the blessing of God their Christian sympathies may lead them in the disposition of their property to lay a foundation for a *Home for Aged Indigent Persons* belonging to our communion.

(2) In case any one gift or bequest should not be sufficient to buy a property or endow said Home, other gifts and legacies may be put with it in a general fund, and that the Board of Trustees of Synod be appointed to receive such fund and invest it until it shall have reached an amount sufficient for the purpose.

(3) That when a sufficient sum of money shall have been raised, a suitable property, containing not less than ten acres, eligibly located, with buildings, either already erected or to be erected, be purchased.

(4) We suggest that in the meantime the attention of Consistories and Classes be called to this general subject, urging them that if aged indigent persons within their bounds can be cared for among their friends, or by private arrangement, it is a duty to see that such arrangements are effected. It cannot be expected that all such persons can be crowded into institutions, and often private care is, for many reasons, much better; especially as upon proper recommendation a part of any public fund may be devoted to those who may not be inmates of the Home.

(5) We would like to emphasize the fact that great care should be exercised in any institution that may be established to guard against anything that will *pauperize* the indigent. And therefore your committee recommends that provision be made for the suitable *employment* of inmates of the proposed Home.

In carrying out this plan all the details, many of which cannot be anticipated, must necessarily be left to a properly constituted management created for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted by

P. S. DAVIS, *Chairman*.
D. E. KLOPP,
ISAAC K. LOOS,
JNO. J. NISSELEY,
JAMES T. REBER.

In connection with the adoption of this report the following action was taken :

Resolved, That the committee on the advisability of taking measures for the care of aged indigent persons in our communion be constituted a permanent committee in this matter, and report from time to time at the annual sessions of this body.

On motion, the subject of Temperance was referred to a Special Committee, to suggest such action to the Synod as it may deem proper for adoption. The Committee consisted of Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, D. B. Albright, A. B. Koplin, Elders Jas. T. Reber and J. J. Nisseley. The following report was adopted :

Your committee appointed to prepare a minute on the subject of Intemperance beg leave to report the following for action :

WHEREAS, The almost incredible amount of \$600,000,000 is annually expended in the United States for intoxicating liquors ; and

WHEREAS, One-half the taxes levied on the people of the United States is directly chargeable to the use or abuse of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, The most appalling amount of crime, suffering, and disgrace is caused by the liquor traffic; and

WHEREAS, The efforts hitherto made have failed to furnish an adequate remedy; therefore

Resolved, That this Synod favors the total prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drink as a beverage by constitutional amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. SNYDER,
D. B. ALBRIGHT,
A. R. KOPLIN,
JAMES T. REBER.

The following additional action was taken on the Temperance question:

Resolved, That Synod earnestly desires its pastors, elders, deacons, and people to continue to use all proper means to educate the public mind and conscience to the approval of this remedy.

MONUMENT TO OLEVIANUS.

A document pertaining to the erection of a monument to the memory of Olevianus has come through the Committee of Overtures to this Synod asking its aid in this work.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Geo. Wolff, J. H. Dubbs, I. K. Loos, Elders D. B. Mauger and Jno. J. Nisseley, to whom this subject was referred. The report of the committee was received and adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee on the Olevianus Monument offer the following report:

Your committee learns through Dr. J. B. Kneist, Chairman of the Committee appointed by the German Synod East that said Synod has undertaken to erect a monument to the honor of Casper Olevianus, one of the authors of the Heidelberg Catechism, and asks this Synod to join in this pious work.

We are glad to know that our German brethren inaugurated this monument, and deem it right and proper to join in honoring him to whom honor is due; but would suggest to them the propriety of including the name of Ursinus, the other author of the Catechism, equally conspicuous in the preparation of a symbol which has no superior, if an equal, in Christendom.

The committee recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we have learned with pleasure that the German Synod East of the Reformed Church in the United States has undertaken to erect a monument to the honor of Casper Olevianus; and

Resolved, That this Synod recommends the monument to the favorable notice of its ministers and congregations.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod every charge should contribute at least sufficient to average one dollar per minister and congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. Wolff,
J. H. Dubbs,
Isaac K. Loos,
D. B. Mauger,
Jno. J. Nisseley.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations had referred to it as much of the reports of the Trustees of Synod and the Board of Publication as related to filling vacancies occurring in these Boards; also a communication from Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College in regard to vacancies occurring in that Board.

On the fifth day of the Sessions the committee presented its report, which was adopted item by item:

1st. That the Sunday-school Board be dissolved.

2d. That no change be made in the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, nor in its Board of Trustees.

3d. That the vacancy in the Board of Publication be filled by the re-election of George Gelbach.

4th. That J. M. Wiestling and George F. Baer be re-elected Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

C. M. Bower, Esq., of Bellefonte, was elected to the office of Trustee of Franklin and Marshall College.

At the opening of the Sessions, Revs. D. E. Schoedler and Jas. I. Good were appointed to report the proceedings of Synod for the public press. The reports were sent to the local press, to the Reading papers, and to the Associated Press.

An overture was made to Synod requesting its opinion in regard to the status of a person whose name has been erased from the list of Church members.

It was resolved that a committee be appointed, to whom this question be referred. The Chair appointed Revs. W. S. Schaeffer, I. K. Loos, and Elder Lewis Kreamer to report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

The Synod of the Potomac being in Session at this time, in the Reformed Church at Altoona, sends its Christian greeting through Rev. P. S. Davis, D. D., to this Synod. The President, in the name of this Synod, responded by returning the same compliment to the Synod of the Potomac.

The following action was adopted by Synod.

WHEREAS, Franklin and Marshall College will celebrate the Centennial of Franklin College and the Semi-Centennial of Marshall College in 1887; and

WHEREAS, Efforts are made through individuals to erect necessary buildings and increase the efficiency of the College; and

WHEREAS, The Professorship of English Literature, now being endowed by the Alumni, needs \$15,000 in addition to the \$10,000 already received; therefore,

Resolved, That we commend this cause to the pastors and congregations of this Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the congregation of St. John's Reformed Church through its pastor, to the other congregations of Bellefonte through their pastors, and to the citizens of this community for the kind and hospitable entertainment received by this Synod during its present Sessions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to its reporters for the services rendered by them during our present Sessions.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to tender the thanks of this Synod to the different railroad companies for permitting the members of Synod to pass over their roads at reduced rates of travel.

The roll was called. None were found absent without permission. The minutes were read, adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet in Annual Sessions in the St. Paul's Memorial Church, Reading, Berks County, Pa., on the second Wednesday of October, 1883, at 7.30 P. M.

The Synod was dismissed with the singing of a hymn. The President led Synod in prayer. The Confession of Faith and the Lord's Prayer were repeated in unison, and the service was closed with the Doxology and the Apostolic Benediction.

GEO. H. JOHNSTON, *President*.

JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

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JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unord'd.	Depts.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Sol's.	Sta. for M.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Cyrus J. Becker,	2 Howertown,	553	426	40	26	26	21	500	5		22	4	358	1	\$195 00	\$1,140 00	Cataaugus, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Isaac K. Loos,	1 Bethlehem,	661	440	44	19	19	21	475	9	5	17	1	350		385 00	2,500 00	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Daniel F. Brendle,	3 Farmersville,	600	500	43	26	4	46	467	4		24	6	350	1	153 00	1,888 00	do do
E. W. Reinecke, D. D.,	3 Plainfield,	786	59	59	26			526			31	3	300		189 00	1,520 00	Nazareth, do do
Robt. Lisberger,	3 St. Peter's,	300	150	71	16			212	2		16	3	330	2	22 00	1,900 00	Bath, do do
Martin A. Smith,	3 Dryland.	825	600	35	50	4		550	6		17	3	350		175 00	1,800 00	Nazareth, do do
T. C. Porter, D. D., L. L. D.	1 3d st. Ch. Easton, Pa.	434	260	27	19	13	312	7			16	1	193	1	2,200 00	5,839 00	Easton, do do
Daniel Y. Heisler, D. D.	1 Grace Ref. Easton,	86	65	14	6	2	81	3			3	1	100	1	38 00	600 00	do do
T. O. Stem,	1 St. Mark's Easton,	288	120	34	18	14	210	2			12	2	1	295	156 00	1,469 00	do do
Thomas A. Huber,	4 Brodheadsville,	700	500	85	2	93	3	540	4		4	6	415		191 00	1,426 00	Brodheadsville, Monroe do
Joseph E. Freeman,	4 Weissport,	581	493	57	33	32	4	312	4	1	28	12	601		254 00	1,360 00	Weissport, Carbon do
John J. Cris-	1 Cataaugus,	170	138	22	7	43	146	3			4	5	1	225	53 00	680 00	Cataaugus, Lehigh do
H. H. W. Hiechman, D. D.	3 Mount Bethel,	540	390	22	5	49	4	510	1		11	7	430	4	183 00	1,419 00	Stone Church, Northampton do
J. E. Smith,	2 Moore Township,	628	470	28	23	3	425				23	4	390		125 00	1,500 00	Bath do
James W. Mabry,	2 Kreidersville,	750	550	31	58	2	450				30	6	440		226 00	1,800 00	Cherryville, do do
M. H. Mabler,	5 Hamilton,	361	345	43		58		311	4		37	6	245		120 00	1,000 00	Seloto, Monroe do
Geo. W. Kerschner,	1 Zion's Reformed.	35	15	1											37 00	160 00	Stroudsburg, Monroe do
I. K. Loos, supply,	1 Kittersville,	125	105	13	2	1	90	2			7	1	55		72 00	500 00	Bethlehem, Northampton do
N. Z. Snyder, supply,	1 Freemansburg,	133	85	16	2	1					1	6	110				South Bethlehem, do do
Horace Daniel,	Without charge,																Nazareth, Northampton do
Charles A. Rittenhouse,	do do																Trappe, Montgomery do
W. D. C. Rodrock,	do do																Blairtown, New York.
T. A. Fenstermaker, Lic.,																	
T. M. Balliet, Lic.,																	
		8,420	5,654	684	9	471	119	6,235	54	23	339	66	5,737	8	\$4,769 00	\$23,009 00	

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MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfrd.	Baptism.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command.	Diamitted.	Excom.	Exaures.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.	Post-Office Address.	
	Congr.			Inf's.	Adults.									Purp.	Conf.	
John Gring,	Superannuated,	1,600	708	121	3	119	1560	3	70	8	600			\$246 65	\$2,500 00	Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
A. S. Leinbach,	6 Schwartswald,	925	650	82	3	59	20	550	10	61	1	514		624 00	2,948 99	Reading, Berks do
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	1 First Ch., Lebanon,															Lebanon, Lebanon do
Jacob Klein,	Without charge,	475	250	31	3	16	11	385	10	22	4	300		238 75	1,684 00	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill do
Jona E. Hiestor, D.D.,	4 Annville,	487	310	33	1	31	7	400	3	14	18	2	546	1,725 93	2,627 59	Annville, Lebanon do
Chas. F. McCauley, D.D.,	1 2d Ch., Reading,	1,600	950	97	1	75	15	1500	15	12	44	16	640	225 00	1,500 00	Reading, Berks do
T. Calvin Leinbach,	7 Bernville,	490	310	20	2	24	7	442	7	4	11	1	270	565 39	1,125 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do
George Wolff, D.D.,	1 Myerstown,	590	300	37	17	12	520	7	22	14	2	530		1,065 00	5,835 00	Myerstown, Lebanon do
Benj. Bausman, D.D.,	1 St. Paul's Mem. Ch.,	200	100	9	8	3	150	2	7	1	150			717 67	1,700 00	Reading, Berks do
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.,	1 St. John's, Lebanon,	1,250	719	68	6	58	8	1100	12	32	5	400	2	556 23	1,398 62	Lebanon, Lebanon do
Chas H. Leinbach, D.D.,	5 Tulpehocken,															Stouchsburg, Berks do
Eli E. Hiestor,	Without charge,	64	33													Friedensburg, .. do
Daniel B. Albright,	1 Bethany, Orph. Home															Womelsdorf, Berks do
W. M. Reily, Ph. D.,	Prof. in Palatinate Col.															Myerstown, Lebanon do
Henry A. Keyser,	1 St. Paul's, Mahanoy,	575	400	78	36	22	500	6		14	1	450	1	558 00	1,400 00	Mahanoy City, Schuylkill do
Jno. O. Johnson,	1 St. John's, Schuyl. H.	260	2 0	21	21	18	190	2	28	6	1	225		183 25	1,600 00	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill do
F. W. Dechant,	Without charge,															Reading, Berks do
Jas. A. Schultz,	do															
Wm. F. P. Davis,	4 Sinking Spring,	1,115	890	85	2	94	1028							151 00	1,200 00	Reading, do do
H. Mosser,	5 Orwigsburg,	510	400	31	1	41	265			60	6	400		155 00	1,000 00	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill do
R. S. Appel,	1 First Ref Ch., Reading,	1,000	800	89	3	75	22	950	34	21	5	500	1	851 00	8,915 00	Reading, Berks do
M. L. Fritsch,	4 Schartzville,	780	215	70	46	429				40	1	759	1	44 00	604 00	Hamburg, Berks Co., do
J. W. Steinmetz,	5 Allegheny,	950	500	83	7	72	7	584	15	23	4	300		250 00	1,800 00	Kearney, Berks do
J. G. Neff,	1 St. John's, Reading,	450	330	60	3	42	46	338	12	23	6	300		250 00	2,500 00	Reading, do do
M. Peters,	1 Trinity, Shonandosh,	250	100	30	11	9	100			32	1	430			1,100 00	Shenandoah, Schuylkill do
J. C. Bucher, D.D.,	Without charge,									10	11	1	225		1,200 00	Galesville, do do
Adam J. Schman,	4 Superannuated,	678	500	68	5	37	1	473	6	31	6	500	1	1,148 00		Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa. do
	Schaeferstown,															Schaeferstown, Lebanon do

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Isaac K. Lous,	1 Bethlehem,	561	440	44	19	475	6	467	9	9	17	1	360		385 00	2,500 00	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Daniel F. Brendle,	3 Yarmersville,	600	500	43	26	4	467	4			24	6	350	1	153 00	1,386 00	do do
E. W. Reinecke, D. D.,	3 Plainfield,	780	59	59	26	26	526	2			31	3	300		189 00	1,330 00	Nazareth, do
Robt. Lisberger,	3 St. Peter's,	300	150	71	18	212	2		2		16	3	330		22 00	1,900 00	Bath, do
Martin A. Smith,	3 Dryland,	825	600	35	50	4	550	6			17	3	350		175 00	1,800 00	Nazareth, do
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Geo. W. Kerchner,	1 Kittersville,	126	105	13	2	1	108	2			7	1	55		37 00	160 00	Bethlehem, Northampton do
N. Z. Snyder, supply,	1 Freemansburg,	183	85	16		2	1	90	2		1	6	110		72 00	500 00	South Bethlehem, do
Russel Daniel,	Without charge,																Nazareth, Northampton do
Charles A. Rittenhouse,	do do																Trappe, Montgomery do
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T. A. Fenstermaker, Lic.,																	
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Chas. F. McCauley, D.D.,	1 2d Ch., Reading,	1,600	950	97	1	75	15	1506	15			12	44	16	225 00	1,500 00	Reading, Berks do	
T. Calvin Leinbach,	7 Bernville,	490	310	20	2	24	7	442	7			4	11	1	665 59	1,125 00	Womelsdorf, Berks do	
George Wolf, D. D.,	1 Myerstown,	590	300	37		17	12	520	7			22	14	2	1,665 00	5,835 00	Myerstown, Lebanon do	
Benj. Bauman, D.D.,	1 St. Paul's Mem. Ch.,	200	100	9		8	3	150	2			7	1	150	717 87	1,700 00	Reading, Berks do	
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.,	1 St. John's, Lebanon,	1,250	719	68	6	58	8	1100	12			32	5	400	556 23	1,398 62	Lebanon, Lebanon do	
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Eli E. Hiestor,	Without charge,	64	33			13		31	7						1,032 00		Friedensburg, " do	
Daniel B. Albright,	1 Bethany, Orph. Home																Womelsdorf, Berks do	
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Jno. O. Johnson,	1 St. John's, Schuy'l. Ha.	260	20	21		21	18	190	2			28	0	1	183 25	1,600 00	Schuykill Haven, Sch'y l do	
F. W. Dechant,	Without Charge,																Reading, Berks do	
Jas. A. Schultz,	do																	
Wm. F. P. Davis,	4 Sinking Spring,	1,115	890	85	2	94		1028				60	6	406	151 00	1,200 00	Reading, do do	
Henry Leise,	5 Orwigsburg,	510	400	31	1	41		265				21	5	500	155 00	1,000 00	Orwigsburg, Schuykill do	
H. Mosser,	1 First Ref Ch, Reading,	1,000	800	89	3	75	22	950	34			40	1	759	851 00	8,915 00	Reading, Berks do	
R. S. Appel,	4 Schartzelsville,	780	215	70	46	429						23	4	300	44 00	604 00	Hamburg, Berks Co., do	
M. L. Fritsch,	5 Allegheny,	950	500	83	7	72	7	584	15			243	6	300		1,800 00	Reading, Berks do	
J. W. Steinmetz,	1 St. John's, Reading,	450	350	60	3	42	46	338	12			3	22	1	250 00	2,500 00	Reading, do do	
J. G. Noff,	1 Trinity, Shenandoah,	250	100	30		11	9	100				10	11	1		1,100 00	Shenandoah, Schuykill do	
M. Peters,	Without charge,																Galeville, do	
J. C. Barber, D. D.,	Superannuated,	678	500	68	5	37	1	473	6			31	6	500	1,148 00		Lewistown, Union Co., Pa.	
Adam J. Schman,	4 Schaefferstown,																Schaefferstown, Lebanon do	

LEBANON CLASSIS—CONCLUDED.

MINISTERS.	Congs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Sch's.	Min. Bind.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Inf'rs.	Adults.										Benef.	Confg.		
Allen R. Bartholomew,	1	Trinity Ch, Pottsville,	175	100	27		8	155	7		11	8	1	150		\$ 90 00	\$1,200 00	Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.	
Joseph Schlappig,		Without charge,																Hamburg, Berks do	
3 Trinity, John J. Fisher,		3 Trinity, Tamaqua,	315	245	42		20	14				18	3	275		191 00	1,065 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do	
D. M. Christman,	3	Friedens	210	130	13		30	2				11	3	220		45 00	750 00	Minersville, Schuylkill do	
3 St. John's, Hamburg,		3 St. John's, Hamburg,	475		33		28	2				16	3	325		37 00	1,380 00	Hamburg, Berks do	
4 Pine Grove, B. S. Metzger,		4 Pine Grove,	420	250	26		12					16	4	240		25 25	500 00	Pine Grove, Schuylkill do	
3 Leesport, Tobias Kessler,		3 Leesport,	355	125	28			285	1			11	2	123		58 47	1,800 00	Leesport, Berks do	
2 New Jerusalem, W. Donat,		2 New Jerusalem,	415	420	33		1	262	18			6	16	5	300		118 42	2,215 00	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill do
3 Womelsdorf, L. D. Steckel,		3 Womelsdorf,	500	254	22	1	44	4				7	2	181		90 42	895 32	Womelsdorf, Berks do	
1 St. Mark's, A. S. Keiser,		1 St. Mark's, Cresona,	150	75	12			10				4	1	175		45 00	400 00	Cresona, Schuylkill do	
2 1st Church, Pottsville,		2 1st Church, Pottsville,	310	140	4		30	155				5	2	220	1	25 00	1,180 00	Pottsville, do do	
4 Swatara, Charles H. Coon,		4 Swatara,	480	275	28	3	26	1				11	4	275		209 00	1,000 00	Jonestown, Lebanon do	
Without charge, George B. Russel, D.D.,		Without charge,																Boston, Mass. do	
Pres. of Palestine Col.		Pres. of Palestine Col.																Myerstown, Lebanon do	
2 Donaldson & Minersville		2 Donaldson & Minersville	130	70	10			13				1	2	1	90		11 00	47 00	Or-field, Lehigh do
Total. 43.	86		18,184	10,766	1561	44	1056	270	14,402	191	1113	675	105	10,673	7	\$10,332	63	\$55,067	62

CLASSES OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	G. S. Sch's.	Sta. for M.	Contributions.	Port-Office Address.
Jesse B. Knipe, supply, do do Daniel Feebe, J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., Henry W. Super, D.D., Peter S. Davis, D.D., Joseph Haanberry, do do supply, do do	1 St. Vincent, 1 St. Peter's, Without charge, 1 St. Luke's, Prof. in Urinus Col., Editor "The Mess'g", 1 Ridgely Mission, Md., 1 Queen Anne, do 1 Talbot, do 1 Superannuated, 1 Trinity, Phila., 1 Christ Ref. Church, 1 St. John's, W. Phila., Without charge, 1 Asst. Supt. Pub. B'd., 1 First Ch., Race Str., Without charge, Prof. in Urinus Col., 1 Ascension, 1 White Marsh, 1 North Wales, 1 Boehm's, 1 Pleasantville, 1 Heidelberg, 1 East Vincent, 1 Spring City	200 30 225 49 11 20 2 14 16 295 60 210 89 60 30 32 220 210 160 140 136 231 261 344 171 41 2 3 49 10 56 7 86 38 410 164 15 12 95 12 63 14 100 60	30 146 180 3 30 1 10 1 12 270 18 25 164 4 10 36 14 165 2 172 2 135 2 115 5 2 110 16 6 292 4 190 2 35 336 13 112 38 49 41 51 55 1 2 7 1 2 71 1 3 308 6 90 1 4 3 55 4 89 4	3 5 9 6 180 3 30 1 10 1 3 13 6 25 164 4 1 10 36 14 21 6 165 2 4 3 13 5 270 18 2 6 25 164 4 1 5 1 160 851 17 00 462 00 113 00 108 00 1,000 00 210 00 1,385 00 286 00 32 00 12,302 00 1515 N. 19th St., Philad., 41 00 2,147 00 Spring City, Chester Co., do 112 00 1,465 00 do 5 00 275 00 2437 N. 10th St., Phila. 49 00 557 00 1313 De Kalb St., Norristown, 109 00 902 00 Vincent, Chester Co., 53 00 do Font. do 80 00 840 00 Lionville do 36 00 502 00 WYoming, Kent Co., Del.	2 120 3 1 70 1 1 20 1 1 350 1 160 1 80 1 260 1 175 1 160 3 1 150 3 1 236 10 2 250 4 2 250 9 1 550 2 3 1 100 1 183 1 156 1 144 7 3 290 1 1 95 4 2 1 15 4 3 1 75 1 2 \$2,799 00 \$64,266 00	Chester Springs, Chester Co., Pa. do do do Norristown, Montgomery Collegeville, do do do 907 Arch St., Phila., Millington, Kent Co., Md. do do do Camden, N. J. 1541 N. 7th St., Philad., Pa. 2301 Green St., do 3415 Walnut St., do Spring City, Chester Co., do 907 Arch St., Phila., do 1140 Mt. Vernon St., Phila., do Bristol, Bucks Co., do Collegeville, Montgomery Co., do Norristown, do Flourtown, do do do do Centre Square, Mont. Co., do Montgomery Square, M nt., do 1515 N. 19th St., Philad., do Spring City, Chester Co., do do do do 2437 N. 10th St., Phila. do 1313 De Kalb St., Norristown, do 902 00 Vincent, Chester Co., do 53 00 Font. do 80 00 Lionville do 36 00 Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.										
Total, 27.		3,630	1087	129	83	184	227	2,983	121		67	72	28	3,739	2	\$2,799 00 \$64,266 00

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Bapt's.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schols.	S. Sch'ls.	Stu. of Min.	Beney. P'p'os.	Contributions.	Post-Office Address.
John G. Fritchey,	Without charge,																Lancaster City, Lancaster Co., Pa.
John W. Nevin, D.D., LL.D.,	Retired,																do do do
William T. Gerhard,	Without charge,																do do do
Emmanuel V. Gerhard, D.D.,	1 St. Stephen's,	60	15			1	2	60	6						\$117 89	\$117 89	do do do
Theodore Appel, D.D.,	Sup't of Missions,																do do do
Alfred B. Shenkie,	Supply,																do do do
Henry A. Friedel,	1 Zwingle,	58	30	7		7	8	53				1	65		142 00	438 00	Millersville, do
Samuel Kuhn,	Without charge,																do do do
Thomas G. Apple, D.D.,	Prof. in Theol. Sem'y,																do do do
Joseph H. Dubbs, D.D.,	Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																do do do
Frederick A. Gast, D.D.,	Prof. in Theol. Sem'y,																do do do
John A. Peters,	1st church, Lancaster,	360	150	21	7	26	23	340	1	28	9	1	300		437 00	2,634 00	do do do
William H. H. Snyder,	1 Salem, Harrisburg,	335	160	9	1	10	17	273	8		7	1	300	1	1,153 50	5,488 66	Harrisburg, Dauphin
Darius W. Gerhard,	4 New Holland,	418	150	26	20	31	12	362	5		22	3	200		245 05	945 00	New Holland, Lancaster
Joseph B. Shumaker, D.D.,	1 St. Paul's, Lancaster,	268	120	7	2	10	8	234	8		5	2	261		396 39	2,600 00	Lancaster City do
Stephen Schweitzer,	5 Reamstown,	700	255	79	11	52	3	629	3		26	4	120		210 49	860 00	Lancaster do
Daniel C. Tobias,	3 Bethany,	325	160	13	4	11	6	260			10	1	175		202 58	583 19	Lincoln do
C. S. Gerhard,	1 Columbia,	181	130	27	5	21	6	138	6	4	8	1	210		88 51	830 00	Columbia, do
James Crawford,	Rec. F. & M. Acad'y,																Lancaster, do
Geo. W. Snyder,	124 church, Harrisburg,	111	79	12	1	3	8	74	10		5	1	285		103 00	617 84	Harrisburg, Dauphin
Albert S. Snuffer,	3 Hummelstown,	165	121	1	1	4	122	4			5	3	139		18 44	1,951 44	Hummelstown, do
Jonah H. Pannabecker,	2 Elizabethtown,	141	67	7	7	7	2	99	4		1	1	105		87 34	624 00	Elizabethtown, Lancaster
John S. Stahr,	Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																Lancaster, do
Wm. F. Lichter,	1 St. Luke's, Lancaster,	60	59	15		7	4	43	1	1		1	205	1	22 90	260 25	do do do
David B. Shuey	2 New Providence,	208	136	9	4	6	13	180			4	2	248	1	865 49	645 57	N. Providence, do
Jairus P. Moore,	3 Millersville,	297	100	14	8	10	6	239	7		17	3	195		107 24	1,306 00	Millersville, do
George B. Kesser,	2 Marietta & Maytown,	157	79	18	6	5	1	79	4	10	4	2	225		29 00	518 00	Marietta, Lancaster
Supplied by Committee,	1 Willow Street,	35				2	2	28				1	50		294 50	294 50	Millersville, do
† S. B. Shaffer,	2 Hanover,	80	40	7	1	6		45							13 30		Hummelstown, Dauphin
do do	2 Manheim,	172	63	10	16	17	1	135			6	2	200		220 00	765 00	Manheim, Lancaster
	1 New Haven,			1				19				1					do do do
38		4,131	1,904	282	96	232	125	3,643	67	1,59	125	31	2,233		3,83,979	54	\$21,468 54

• Also 23 students of the Theological Seminary and of F. & M. College, not members of St. Stephen's church. † Supplied by Rev. A. B. Shenkie.

‡ Rev. L. F. Zinthea, pastor until April 14, 1893. Licentiate, John B. Kiefer. Theological Students, D. B. Sohneider, Gustavus A. Schwedel, Jno. F. Moyor,

CLASSIFICATION BY QUANTITY.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unsanctified.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Comm'd.	Disciplined.	Excom.	Deacons.	S. School.	S. S. Schol.	Stu. Min.	Rever.	P. Pross.	Conf. Pross.	PORT-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Rudolph Duenger,	1 Ashland,	300	200	52	1	18		200	2		15	1	200		\$ 95 00	\$600 00	00	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	7 Mahanoy,	520	405	69	21	430	1	430	1		22	7	400		274 00	990 00	00	Grenbrier, Northumberland do
Alfred Houts,	4 Orangeville,	237	133	4	2	8	4	217	4		16	4	200		144 00	1,100 00	00	Orangeville, Columbia do
Tughman Derr,	3 Conyngham,	530	350	88	82	490					36	3	390		136 00	1,100 00	00	Conyngham, Luzerne do
Henry S. Basler,	Without charge,																	Millersburg, Dauphin do
William G. Engle,	6 Uniontown,	750	800	71	1	46		500			41	6	400		184 00	1,000 00	00	Pittow, Dauphin do
Geo. B. Dechant,	3 Catawissa,	876	350	34	50	3	283				20	5	210		195 00	1,200 00	00	Catawissa, Columbia do
John K. Millet,	3 Paradise,	440	315	19	3	15	8	420	5		6	3	290		248 00	1,850 00	00	McEwensville, North'ber'd do
J. B. Kerschner,	3 Millersburg,	409	220	7	2	18	2	275	2		15	3	280		120 00	2,835 00	00	Millersburg, Dauphin do
Franklin K. Levan,	2 Wilkesbarre,	487	415	70	26	44	405	10			20	2	225		52 00	2,800 00	00	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do
William C. Schaeffer,	3 Danville,	339	109	20	6	14	7	259	3		2	3	385		237 00	1,362 00	00	Danville, Montour do
Thomas J. Hacker,	1 Shamokin,	337	300	94	5	44	26	318	5	4	12	1	328		161 00	1,365 00	00	Shamokin, Northumberland do
Thomas J. Barkley,	1 Sanbury,	211	120	15	8	5	190	3			8	1	160		89 00	860 00	00	Sunbury, do do
Sebastian C. Meckel,	1 Plymouth,	75	20	12				45	6		2	1	35		44 00	1,075 00	00	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do
Oliver H. Struck,	1 Bloomsburg,	170	94	29	13	40	19	124	2		3	1	130		105 00	2,050 00	00	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
William B. Sandoe,	4 Ringtown,	260	270	40				170			3	1	5		28 00	512 00	00	Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., do
Christian Baum,	5 Deep Creek,	260	200	46	16			230			15	5	250		45 00	1,600 00	00	Begins, do do
S. S. Kohler,	4 Wapwallopen,	353		19	1	27	288				4	4			111 00	775 00	00	Beilbend, Luzerne do
A. M. Maerzheimer,	2 Weatherly,	203		22	39	17	172						175		12 00	430 00	00	Weatherly, Schuylkill do
C. H. Mutchler,	3 Overton,	160		9				100	3		5	2	80		12 00			Dushore, Sullivan do
J. H. Hunt-berger,	1 Christ Church •	97	30	16				100	3						12 00			Fayette, Seneca, N. Y. do
G. o. P. Har'zel,	6 Augusta,	365	250	40	35	7	356	4			20	6	250		150 00	1,300 00	00	Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa. do
Thomas S. Land,	3 Mt. Zion,	480	215	22	6	29	6	382	11	63	13	3	245		246 00	1,035 00	00	Turbotville, do do
Vasant,	4 Berwick,	150		7	13			4	150	9	8	1	150		18 00	375 00	00	Berwick, Columbia do
Vasant,	1 Milton,	220	175	7				150	9		3	2			13 00	2,600 00	00	Milton, Northumberland do
Vasant,	6 Berrysburg,*	337	206	39	1	20	2	267	4		31	5	260		54 00	415 00	00	Elizabethville, Dauphin do
Supply,																		
W. B. Sandoe,	1 Heller's cong.,	132	85	9	3	1	96	3			3	1	60		18 00	200 00	00	
T. Derr,	1 Beninger's,	40		3			35				5				10 00	40 00	00	
J. C. J. Kurtz,	1 Shellhammer's,	25	20	1			22				3	1	25		3 00	45 00	00	
	Without charge,																	Shamokin, Northumberland do
Total 24.		8 342	4912	866	40	572	145	6341	74		74	337	75	5128	1	\$2,811 00	\$30,923 00	

* From last year's report.

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congt.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Bapt's.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Kxcom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Sch'l's.	Stn. for M.	Contributions.		Post-office Address.	
					Infants.	Adults.										Beney. Purp.	Cong. Purp.		
Wm. H. Groh,	4	Boalsburg,	339	295	27	16	7	298	1			12	4	195		\$152 00	\$951 00	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.	
William W. Clouser,	4	White Deer,	835	200	47	30	320	320				13	4	120	1	119 00	700 00	White Deer Mills, Union do	
Wm. A. Haas,	4	Selingsgrove,	415	350	30	41	3	375	3			20	4	325		259 00	1,000 00	Selingsgrove, Snyder do	
William M. Landis,	5	Robertsburg,	299	143	19	1	20	2	269	5		6	5	220		287 00	704 00	Robertsburg, Centre do	
Isaac S. Stahl,	2	Look Haven,	147	75	6	6	12	113	1			2	1	135		40 00	410 00	Look Haven, Clinton do	
Samuel M. Roeder,	3	Centre Hall,	289	168	8	4	1	226	4			8	3	160		190 00	743 00	Centre Hall, Centre do	
Adam C. Whitmer,	3	Millinburg,	470	190	17	10	4	390	7			11	2	200	1	519 00	1,250 00	Millinburg, Union do	
John F. De Long,	2	Bellefonte,	157	95	6	5	11	145	4			5	2	105		105 00	3,500 00	Bellefonte, Centre do	
Robert L. Gerhart,	2	Lewisburg,	324	185	4	6	3	292	3			9	2	360	1	340 00	1,800 00	Lewisburg, Union do	
Lewis C. Edmonds,	5	Beaver Springs,	590	500	76	1	15	7	550	3		30	7	500		70 00	1,400 00	Beaver Springs, Snyder do	
Simon P. Brown,	6	Liverpool,	175	200	30	9	13	131	2			8	5	350		22 00	663 00	Chapman, Snyder do	
David O. Shoemaker,	5	Nittany Valley,	308	285	19		1	220				2	4	225		196 00	1,196 00	Walker, Centre do	
Tilghman R. Dietz,	4	New Berlin,	199	112	2			146				1	4	180		69 00	625 00	New Berlin, Union do	
Zwingli A. Yearick,	3	Aaronsburg,	230	135	15		8	1	147	3		12	3	225		87 00	606 00	Aaronsburg, Centre do	
Vacant,	1	Emmanuel's, (Ger.) }	230	112	23	3	19	9	106			5	6	1	110		780 00	Williamsport, Lycoming do	
Vacant,	1	St. John's, (Eng.) }																Spring Mill, Centre do	
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,		Sept. Pub. Inst.																Walker, do	
William R. Yearick,		Without charge,																Philadelphia, do	
Abraham Romick,		do																Williamsport, Lycoming do	
Joshua H. Derr,		do																	
Total, 18.	53		4,507	3,035	327	14	198	61	3,728	36		5	145	51	3,510	3	\$2,408 00	\$16,122 00	

Total, 18.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infants.	Bapt's.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Knares.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch's.	Bin. for M.	Contributions.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Clement Z. Welser, D. D.,	2	New Goshenhoppen,	990	460	45	1	30	10	850	5			38	2	630	1	\$870 00	East Greenville, Montg. Co., Pa.
Augustus L. Deebant,	3	Old Goshenhoppen,	650	25	50	1	20	8	603	10			28	4			311 00	Pennsburg, do do
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Boyetown,	829	638	83	2	33	9	760	16			50	1	175		408 00	Boyetown, Berks do
L. Kryder Evans,	1	Trinity Pottstown,	575	400	81	9	32	19	450	2			57	1	370		311 00	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Simon M. K. Huber,	3	Wentz's,	752	321	21	19	42	8	602	5		7	32	2	210	2	178 00	Skippackville do do
Daniel E. Schoedler,	4	Oley,	645	79	1	21	6	474					41	4	308	2	242 00	Oley Berks do
Eli Keller,	4	Zionsville,	900	560	71	4	10	6	700				37	4	380	3	335 00	Zionsville, Lehigh do
Cosmos H. Herbst,	2	Pottstown,	550	330	18	7	43	22	380	2			11	2	295		76 00	Pottstown, do do
P. P. A. Hoffman, supply,	2	Hill & Lohsch's,	300	150	36	1	32	1	260	4			19	4	200		325 00	No. 908 Penn St., Reading, do
John H. Leinbach, do	1	Amitville,	275		7	1	32		200				12	2	125		35 00	Amityville, Berks do
Franklin J. Mohr, do	1	Chestnut Hill,	87	65	6			2	79	1			3	1	60		25 00	Quakertown, Bucks do
Lawrence D. Leberman,		Without Charge,															175 00	Cor. 7th & Ger. Ave. Phila. do
Lewis C. Herrman,		do do																Carlsle, Northumberland do
C. S. Wieland,		Licentiate,																Pennsburg, Montgomery do
Henry L. Gerhart,		do do																Worcester, do do
George W. Kernbner,		do do																Oley, Berks do
Total, 14.	27		6,553	3,174	487	45	263	85	5,358	45		7	328	27	2,758	8	\$2,791 00	\$11,804 00

CLASSIS OF TONICKON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congr.	Members.		Unconfr'd.		Bapt's.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Kxcom.	Deaths.	N. Schools.	B. B. Sch'rs.	Sta. Min'y.	Contributors.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Infants.	Adults.	Infants.	Adults.	Benef. Pwp.	Cong. Pwp.												
David Rothrock,	2 Durham,		622	334	40	4	30	9	544	8				22	5	127	1	\$375 00	9987 00	Kintnersville, Bucks Co., Pa.
S. K. Gross,	2 Ridge Valley,		340	237	29		4		308					2	22	2	102	32 00	2,830 00	Schleiblers, do
L. C. Sheip,	1 Salem Ref., Doylest'n,		129	95	4	1		1	108									25 00	800 00	Doylestown, do
A. F. Ziegler,	3 Ketter's,		373	200	37	17	11		354	11				2	14	3	155	110 00	1,375 00	Bingen, Northampton do
Jacob Kehm,	2 Indian Creek,		810	515	36	6	32	5	701	14				21	35	3	300	254 00	1,874 00	Sellersville Bucks do
Nathaniel Z. Snyder,	2 South Bethlehem,		310	240	67	4	32	36	231	5				14	22	2	270	164 00	1,566 00	S. Bethlehem, Northampton do
Franklin J. Mohr,	3 Quakertown,		545	250	34	4	19	15	457	5				10	26	3	266	372 00	1,535 00	Quakertown, Bucks do
James G. Dengler,	3 Sellersville,		387	155	17	5	12	8	365	1				11	5	215		285 00	1,081 00	Sellersville, do do
Robt. C. Weaver,	3 Friedensville,		500	235	67	3	4	371	3					49	6	180		94 00	870 00	Coopersburg, Lehigh do
G. W. Roth,	3 Tinticum,		382	146	19	6	31	3	318	2				29	26	3	80	111 00	562 00	Erwinna, Bucks do
A. B. Koplin,	3 Lower Saucon,		657	390	33	16	12		480	1				14	4	360	1	763 00	1,250 00	Hellertown, Northampton do
Henry J. Welker,	2 Springfield,		375	177	33	1	2	15	320	3				17	3	325		192 00	725 00	Coopersburg, Lehigh do
J. M. Hartsel,	1 Leidsytown,		131	23	3	3	5	2	120					16	1	2	140	48 00	650 00	Chalfont, Bucks do
H. F. Seiple,	3 Hilltown,		474	300	23	16	31	12	422	4				17	3	475	1	557 00	1,501 00	Landsdale, Montgomery do
J. C. Leinbach,	1 Riegelsville,		182	132	22	3	12	2	170	3				15	14	1	235	348 00	1,103 00	Riegelsville, Bucks do
N. Z. Snyder, supply	1 South Easton,		160	85	11		12	16	125	3				4	4	1	112	160 00	400 00	S. Bethlehem, Northampton do
D. F. Brendle, do	1 New Williams, St Johns		132	60	9				2	97	4			4	2	46		60 00	300 00	Bethlehem, do do
J. J. Rothrock,	do																			Kintnersville, Bucks do
James R. Lewis,	do																			Lancaster City, do
Total, 17.		36	6,709	3,634	481	68	255	148	6,491	77				125	298	49	3,367	4 \$3,955 00	\$19,409 00	

CLASSES OF LEHIGH.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command'd.	Dismiss'd.	Resurres.	Deaths.	S. Schol's.	S. S. Schol's.	Sta. for M.	Benef. Purp.	Conf. Purp.	Contributions.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	5 Ziegel,	800	650	125		120		700			75	8	600					Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
J. S. Herman,	4 Fleetwood,																	Kutztown, Berks
A. J. Herman,	7 Zion's,	600	312	65	1	27					50	8	410	\$140 00	\$2,000 00		do do	
Wm. R. Hordorf,	18. White Hall cong.,	280	140	17			1	220	1			3	200	146 00	3,200 00		do do	
Abm. Bartholomew,	4 Mahoning,	575	340	118		75		516			34	17		275 00	1,200 00		Lehigh, do	
N. S. Strassburger,	Without charge,																Lehigh, do	
E. J. Fogel,	4 Jordan,	800	600	88		77		785			55	10		2	313 00	3,000 00	do do	
S. A. Leinbach,	3 Egypt,	500	400	50	1	69		465	1		29	8	380	3	327 00	2,700 00	Fogelsville, do	
S. G. Wagner, D.D.,	1 St. John's, Allentown,	512	201	22		18		382	4		12	1	320		626 00	2,360 00	do do	
A. J. G. Dubbe,	1 Salem's Ref., Allentown	500	300	83	1	62		475	10		15	49	1	600	312 00	7,045 00	Box 411, Allentown, do	
Benjamin Weiss,	4 Lehartsville,	550	380	63		27		450	2		17	5	350		157 00	1,500 00	Lehartsville, Berks	
J. Frittinger,	Without charge,																do do	
Thomas N. Reber,	3 Maengle,	550	225	72		35		421			2	39	7	2	204 00	1,900 00	do do	
James N. Bachman,	4 Jackensville,	750	500	80		36		650	3		38	8	500	2	100 00	2,000 00	Lynnpott, do	
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.,	Prof. State Nor. Sch.,																Kutztown, Berks	
I. E. Graef,	1 Tamaqua,	276	221	26		17		5	216	1	11	10	1	153	70 00	1,100 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill	
W. J. Peters,	2 Slatington,	500	320	68	2	51		25	412		25	4	440	2	112 00	6,380 00	Slatington, Lehigh	
J. H. Hartman,	1 Lehighton,	254	200	30	1	6		200	4		8	1	265		50 00	2,300 00	Leighton, Carbon	
N. W. A. Helfrich,	His Father's assistant,																do do	
Wm. J. Kershner,	1 Christ's Ref., Allentown	152	213	29	1	14		51	63	24	20	7	1	213	13 00	513 00	Fogelsville, Lehigh	
John H. Leinbach,	1 Kutztown,	450	200	10	1	39		2	850	2	7	2	175		56 00	800 00	do do	
Edwin A. Gernant,	1 Zion's Ref., Allentown,	780	390	22	3	37		62	525	2	12	1	350		520 00	2,250 00	do do	
Supply Dr. Helfrich,	1 Lynton cong.,	150	100														Reading, Berks	
do I. E. Graef,	1 Summit Hill do,	71	92	13		11		56	3		3				12 00	1,084 00	do do	
do A. J. G. Dubbe,	1 Emaus do	50		8		50					2	1			48 00	1,200 00	do do	
do A. Bartholomew,	1 St. Peter's, do	90	45	7		78					2	2			14 00	2,275 00	do do	
do B. Weiss,	1 Blandon do	150	95	16		125		1			5	1	75		21 00	450 00	do do	
do do	1 St Paul's,																Lehigh	

Total, 22.

9,340 5,924 1,012 11 715 217 7,140 58 48 487 90 5,556 12 \$3,516 00 \$45,257 00

In the Statistical Report of last year the Jordan charge, Rev. E. J. Fogel, Pastor, is credited with \$49.00 for Benevolence. It should be \$419.00.

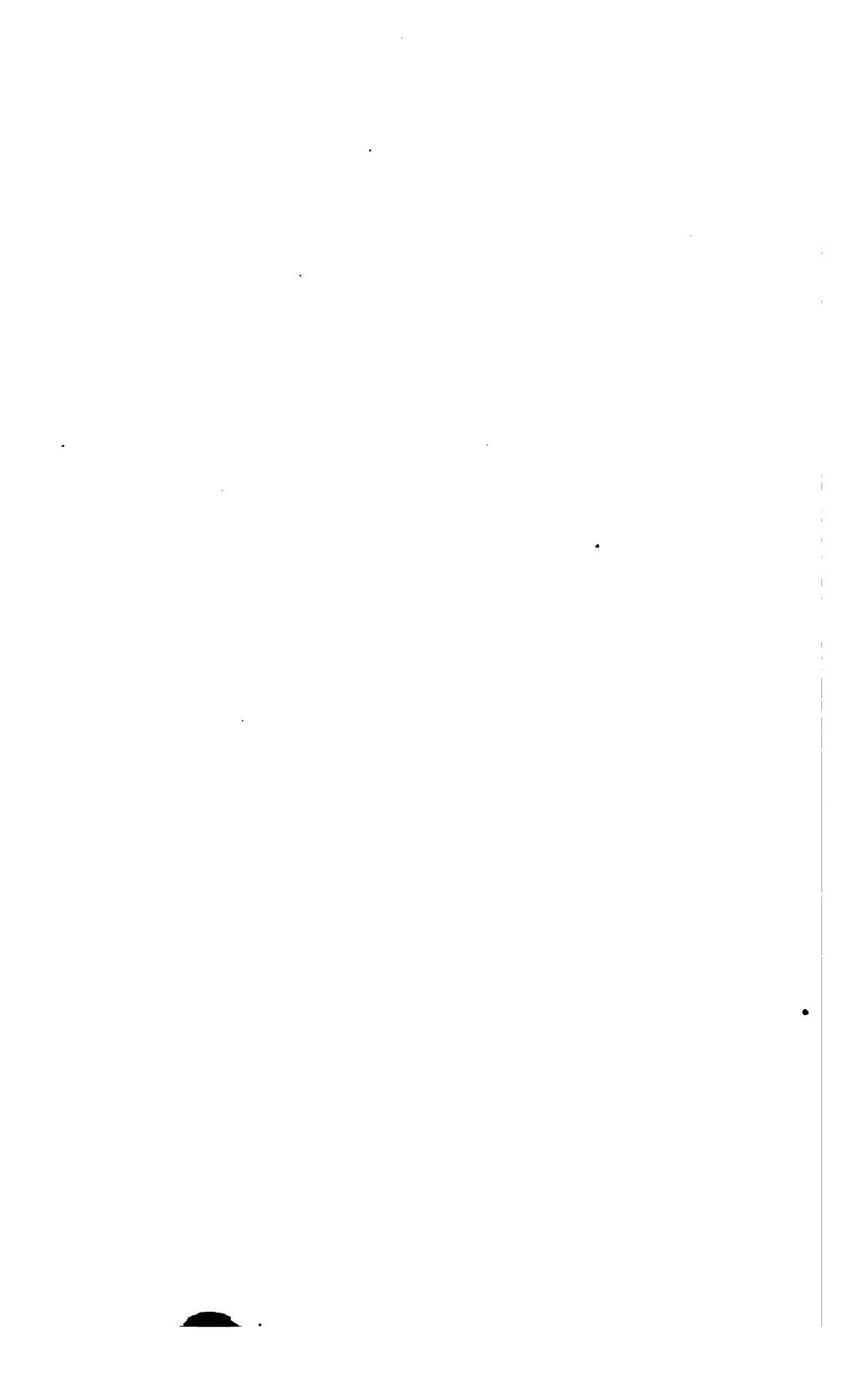
STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Minist'rs.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfr'd Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Commun'd.	Dismiss'd.	Excom.	K'rs'd.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for the Min.	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.	Confr'd.	Certific'd.									Rever. Purp.	Congreg'l Purp.
East Pennsylvania,	22	44	8,420	5,654	685	9	471	119	6,235	54	1	23	339	66	6,737	8	\$1,769 00	\$28,009 00
Lebanon,	44	90	18,184	10,756	1,561	44	1,056	270	14,402	191	1	113	675	105	10,673	7	10,932 63	55,067 62
Philadelphia,	27	26	3,630	1,067	129	83	184	227	2,983	121		67	72	28	8,739	2	2,799 00	64,266 00
Leicester,	29	38	4,131	1,904	282	96	232	125	3,653	67	1	59	135	31	2,243	3	3,979 54	21,488 54
East Susquehanna,	24	81	8,342	4,912	866	40	572	145	6,841	73		74	337	75	5,128	1	2,811 00	30,023 00
West Susquehanna,	18	53	4,507	3,035	327	14	193	61	3,728	36		6	145	51	8,510	3	2,403 00	16,122 00
Goshenhoppen,	14	27	6,553	3,174	467	45	263	85	5,358	45		7	328	27	2,753	8	2,791 00	11,804 00
Tohickon,	17	36	6,709	3,634	481	53	255	148	5,491	77		125	298	49	3,367	4	3,955 00	19,409 00
Lehigh,	22	54	9,340	5,924	1,012	11	715	217	7,140	58		48	487	90	5,556	12	3,516 00	45,237 00
Total, 9 Classes,	217	449	69,616	40,080	5,810	395	3,941	1,397	55,831	722	2	521	2,806	522	42,696	48	\$37,956 17	\$291,426 16
Synod of Ohio, - 10 Classes,	140	285	18,897	7,871	744	402	965	656	15,080	273	13	484	363	219	15,931	12	11,724 00	104,568 00
Ger. Synod, North West, 8 Classes,	110	146	13,249	9,663	1,168	30	909	834	10,077	170	30	266	338	124	7,260	20	7,658 00	51,423 00
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 Classes,	58	127	12,275	8,558	860	78	723	477	10,567	223	208	288	103	103	8,037	15	49,108 83	58,936 89
Synod of the Potomac, 9 Classes,	132	272	28,122	18,732	1,976	212	1,340	570	23,444	401	3	239	750	241	18,115	16	14,178 46	121,938 41
Ger. Synod, of the East, 5 Classes,	42	37	9,469	6,048	1,744	20	701	430	7,536	53	3	214	447	37	6,377	3	5,349 00	53,259 00
Central Synod, - 4 Classes,	70	116	14,750	10,057	1,129	31	893	583	11,400	96	5	171	693	98	8,940	14	7,927 00	64,108 00
Grand Total, 7 Synods, 50 Classes,	767	1,432	166,578	101,309	13,431	1,163	9,532	4,947	133,435	1,938	56	2,103	5,721	1,344	107,356	128	\$133,901 46	\$745,749 46

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One Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Annual Session.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, held in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., in the month of October, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Three. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the tenth, and continued until the evening of the fifteenth of the month, inclusive, at 9.30 o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened according to appointment in St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church in Reading, Pa., on Wednesday, Oct. 10th, A. D. 1883, at 7.30 P. M. The session was opened with Divine service, and the sermon was preached by the president, Rev. George H. Johnston, from St. Matt. 16: 26: "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNA.

Ministers: Thos. C. Porter, D D., L L.D., J. J. Crist, Geo. W. Kerschner, Thomas A. Huber.

Elders: John Weber, Jos. Laubach.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers: A. S. Leinbach, C. F. McCauley, D D., P. Y. Shelly, H. Mosser, J. J. Fisher,¹ J. W. Steinmetz, W. Donat

Elders: Edw. Pfeiffer, H. R. Snyder,² Jno. M. Smith,² S. Withers, Jacob Schumaker.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers: D. W. Ebbert, H. M. Kieffer,² George S. Sorber, D. Van Hore, D.D., J. H. Sechler.

Elders: George Hartzell, H. C. Hoover, A. Schwenk, John F. Unger.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers: D. W. Gerhard, J. A. Peters, G. W. Snyder, T. G. Apple, D.D., D. C. Tobias.

Elders: W. H. Seibert, S. L. Dellinger, G. W. Hensel, John Zellers, Jr.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers: J. B. Kerschner,² John K. Millet,² Geo. B. Dechant,
Thos. S. Land, G. P. Hartzell.

Elders: Chas. Newhard, Henry Helwig.⁴

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers: R. L. Gerhart, Z. A. Yearick, W. M. Landis.

Elders: J. A. Moyer, L. S. Heller, Henry Keller.

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers: Eli Keller, A. L. Dechant.

Elders: John Saybold, Jonas Welker.

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

Ministers: D. Rothrock, J. Kehm,² S. K. Gross.²

Elders: Milton Althouse,² Wm. Fluck.²

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

Ministers: I. E. Graeff, W. E. Krebs,⁴ N. C. Schaeffer,⁴ Ph. D.,
N. S. Strassburger.

Elders: R. H. Kramm,⁴ Thomas F. Butz,² Solomon Griesemer,²
B. S. Levan.²

The figure at the end of the name indicates the day of the sessions on which the delegate takes his seat.

The letters in their order indicate the day on which the delegate obtained leave of absence.

On the 4th day Rev. J. H. Leinbach took the place of the primarius, Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, and Rev. W. J. Kershner the place of Rev. W. E. Krebs, and Rev. S. M. K. Huber the place of Eli Keller.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following were present during one or more of the sessions:

From East Penna. Classis—Revs. I. K. Loos, D. Y. Heisler, D.D.

From Lebanon Classis—Revs. B. Bausman, D.D., F. W. Dechant, J. E. Heister, D.D., D. B. Albright, J. O. Johnson, J. C. Bucher, D.D., M. L. Fritch, E. E. Higbee, D.D., T. S. Johnston, D.D., F. W. Kremer, D.D., J. A. Reber, A. R. Bartholomew, L. D. Steckel and T. C. Leinbach.

From Philadelphia Classis—Revs. Chas. G. Fisher, P. S. Davis, D.D., P. S. Mauger, Geo. H. Johnston, D. E. Klopp, D.D., and Jas. I. Good.

From Lancaster Classis.—Revs. W. H. H. Snyder, Theo. Appel, D.D., S. Sweitzer, A. S. Stauffer, E. V. Gerhart, D.D., C. S. Gerhard.

From East Susquehanna Classis—Revs. R. Duenger, T. J. Barclay, T. J. Hacker, C. Baum.

From West Susquehanna Classis—Rev. I. S. Stahr.

From Goshenhoppen Classis—Revs. S. M. K. Huber, C. Z. Weiser, D.D., L. J. Mayer, D. E. Schöedler, L. K. Evans, J. H. Leinbach.

From Tohickon Classis—Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, H. J. Welker.

From Classis of Lehigh—Revs. B. Weiss, T. N. Reber, S. A. Leinbach, E. J. Fogel, E. A. Gernant, A. J. Herman, A. J. G. Dabbs, W. R. Hofford.

From Juniata Classis, Synod of Potomac.—Rev. F. A. Rupley.

From Zion's Classis, Synod of Potomac.—Revs. J. O. Miller, D.D., M. Kieffer, D.D.

From the German Synod of the East.—Rev. L. K. Derr.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

From the Lutheran Church—Revs. F. K. Huntzinger, T. C. Billheimer, J. J. Fry, D.D., W. H. Myers, B. D. Sweitzig, M. C. Horine, J. Kuendig, T. T. Jaeger.

From the Methodist Church.—Revs. J. B. Dobbins, D.D., T. B. Neely.

From the Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D.D.

From the Baptist Church.—A. H. Sembower.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Thos. C. Porter, D. D., was chosen President.

Rev. Geo. S. Sorber was chosen Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. John P. Stein is Stated Clerk.

Elder John Meily was elected Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk. The bar of the house was defined to be the first ten pews from the chancel.

It was resolved that the sessions of Synod open at 9 A. M. and at 2 P. M. and close at 11.30 A. M. and at 5 P. M.

An evening session was held on the fifth day of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. B. Bausman, D. D., C. F. McCauley, D. D., H. Mosser, J. W. Steinmetz.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. N. S. Strassburger, J. Kehm, J. K. Millet, and Elders Jos. Laubach and Geo. W. Hensel.

Overtures.—Revs. D. W. Gerhard, Thos. A. Huber, Geo. P. Hartzell, and Elders W. H. Seibert and J. A. Moyer.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. G. W. Snyder, J. B. Kerschner, Z. A. Yearick, and Elders Henry Keller and Milton Althouse.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. T. G. Apple, D. D., W. E. Krebs, D. Rothrock, and Elders Chas. Newhard and H. C. Hoover.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. I. E. Graeff, H. M. Kiefer, Thos. S. Land, and Elders John F. Unger, and John Saybold.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. A. S. Leinbach, N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., G. P. Hartzell, and Elders Jonas Welker and S. L. Dellinger.

Missions.—Revs. D. Van Horne, D. D., P. Y. Shelly, W. M. Landis, and Elders Ed. Pfeiffer and S. Withers.

Finance.—Revs. Eli Keller, G. W. Kerschner, J. H. Sechler, and Elders Geo. Hartzell and John Zellers.

Nominations.—Revs. J. A. Peters, G. B. Dechant, J. J. Crist, and Elders John Weber and L. S. Heller.

Publication.—Revs. R. L. Gerhart, J. W. Steinmetz, S. K. Gross, and Elders B. S. Levan and Jos. Laubach.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Penna., Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon and Lehigh, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual reports of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, also the Annual Report of the Board of Education were received, and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3. Communications were received from the Board of Trustees of F. and M. College and the Trustees of Synod, which were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

4. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication and a Report from the Committee on the Publication of the *Hausfreund* were received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

5. The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions, the Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, and a letter from the President of the Tri-Synodic Board were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Other communications were received and handed to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine services. The committee on this subject reported the following order of services which was adopted and complied with by the persons designated to fill the appointments.

BRETHREN: Your Committee on Religious Services would respectfully report the following appointments:

Thursday Evening—7.30 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. F. A. Rupley.

Friday Evening.—Missionary meeting, 7.30 o'clock. Presiding officer, Rev. John A. Peters. Address on Foreign Missions by Rev. D. Van Horne, D.D.; on Home Missions by Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., Rev. John Sechler, Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., and Rev. I. K. Loos.

Saturday Evening—7.30 o'clock. Service in the interest of the Sunday-school cause. Presiding officer, Rev. D. Van Horne, D.D. Addresses by Rev. R. L. Gerhart and Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D. If time allows, volunteer addresses of five minutes each.

Sunday.—First Church at 10 A. M., Rev. I. K. Loos; 7 P. M., Rev. G. H. Johnston.

Second Church—10.30 A. M., Rev. H. M. Kieffer; 7 P. M., Rev. P. S. Davis, D.D.

St. Paul's—10.30 A. M., communion, Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D., LL.D. Assistants in distribution of elements, Rev. J. C. Bucher, D.D., Rev. M. Kieffer, D.D., Rev. Prof. W. E. Krebs. 7 P. M., sermon by Rev. M. Kieffer, D.D.

St. John's—10 A. M., German, Rev. Eli Keller; 7 P. M., English, Rev. J. K. Millet.

Zion's Church—German, 10 A. M., Rev. N. S. Strassburger; 6.30 P. M., Rev. J. J. Fisher.

Presbyterian Church—10.30 A. M., Rev. D. Van Horne, D.D.; 7 P. M., Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D., LL.D.

Ebenezer M. E. Church—10.30 A. M., Rev. T. G. Apple, D.D.

St. Peter's M. E. Church—7.30 P. M., Rev. G. W. Kerschner.

St. Luke's Lutheran—N. Ninth St., 10 A. M., Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.

Keystone State Normal School—Kutztown, 10.30 A. M., Rev. Thomas S. Land.

St. Matthew's Lutheran—10.30 A. M., Rev. John Sechler; 7 P. M., Rev. Prof. W. E. Krebs.

Hinnershitz and Shaller Churches—A. M. and P. M., Rev. G. P. Hartzell.

North Heidelberg and Bernville—A. M. and P. M., Rev. D. C. Tobias.

Oley and New Jerusalem—A. M. and P. M., Rev. A. L. Dechant.

St. John's and Robeson—A. M. and P. M., Rev. G. B. Dechant.

Amityville—Saturday, P. M., Rev. Thomas A. Huber; Sunday, 10 A. M., Rev. J. K. Millet.

Sunday-school Services—2 o'clock, P. M. First Church, Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., and Rev. D. W. Ebbert; Second Church, Rev. H. M. Kieffer and Rev. G. S. Sorber; St. Paul's, Rev. I. K. Loos and Rev. R. L. Gerhart; St. John, Rev. P. Y. Shelly and Rev. J. Kehm.

Monday evening, 7.30 o'clock—Sermon by Rev. P. S. Davis, D.D.

Respectfully submitted. B. BAUSMAN, C. F. McCAULEY, } Committee.
H. MOESER, J. W. STEINMETZ, }

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The printed copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on

the Minutes of Synod, to report the items of unfinished business, that properly claim the attention of the present meeting of Synod. This Committee presented its report on Thursday morning. It was taken up item by item, and adopted as a whole. The report reads as follows:—

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod reports the following items which claim the attention of this Synod:

Item 1, p. 23. Congregations are urged to take at least one collection for the Seminary as soon as practicable.

Item 2, p. 28. The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was authorized to transfer to the Trustees of the Potomac Synod and their successors in office the Seminary property at Mercersburg, Pa., with specified reservations.

Item 3, p. 40. The delinquent classes on apportionments for St. Stephen's Chapel in Washington, D. C., are urged to pay their arrearages at an early day.

Item 4, p. 41. The appointment of a Committee to propose a basis to unify the mission work as now carried forward by this Synod and the Ursinus Union.

Item 5, p. 47. The delinquent classes are urged to make prompt payment of their arrearages on the Contingent and Sinking Funds of Synod.

Item 6, p. 54. The classes are requested to call the attention of their Sunday Schools to the "Scholar's Quarterly," and the "Primary Lesson Papers."

Item 7, p. 54. The several classes are earnestly requested to recommend the patronage and individual support of the Publication Board to their Sunday Schools.

Item 8, p. 56. The classes are directed to report in their statistical tables the number of Minutes of Synod they desire.

Item 9, p. 56. The Stated Clerk was authorized to publish 1700 English and 600 German copies of the Minutes of Synod.

Item 10, p. 56. The Reformed Church Publication Board was authorized to change the title of the "Child's Treasury" by dropping the word "Child's."

Item 11, p. 56. The appointment of a Committee to examine the General Synod's draft of a new Constitution.

Item 12, p. 59. Pastors are requested to lift a collection in all their congregations for the building fund of Bethany Orphans' Home, and also to keep the cause of the orphans before the minds of their people.

Item 13, p. 60. The attention of consistories and classes is called to the subject of "caring for indigent persons of our communion."

Item 14, p. 60. The Committee "on the care of the indigent," was constituted a permanent Committee and shall report at the annual sessions of Synod.

Item 15, p. 62. The appointment of a Committee on the status of a person whose name has been erased from the list of Church members.

Item 16, p. 63. The Stated Clerk of Synod was instructed to tender its thanks to the different railroad companies for permitting the delegates to pass over their roads at reduced rates of fare.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. STRASSBURGER, *Chairman.*

The following items 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16 were reported as having been attended to. For the result of the action on Item 2 see Art. (13) XIII, Theological Seminary: on item 3 Art. XV, on Finance: on item 4 Art. XIV, Missions: on item 11, Art. XX, Church Government: on item 14 see Art. XXI, Miscellaneous: on item 15 see Art. XVI, References and Appeals.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report. It was taken up item by item and adopted.

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to submit the following documents claiming the attention of this body, viz:

1. A document from the Board of Managers of the Bethany Orphans' Home, calling the attention of this Synod to that benevolent institution.
2. A memorial from Philadelphia Classis having reference to a proper observance of the approaching 400th anniversary of the birthday of Ulric Zwingli.
3. The complaint of Lebanon Classis against the action of Goshenhoppen Classis concerning a matter of discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GERHARD, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on the 1st and 2d items see Art. XXI, Miscellaneous. For 3d item see Art. XVII, Complaints.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report. It was read, taken up item by item, and adopted as a whole.

The report as adopted is as follows:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to offer the following report:

The Minutes of the various Classes were placed in our hands, and in them we find the following items claiming the attention of Synod.

I. Irregularities.

1. Lebanon Classis fails to add up the columns of its statistical report.
2. Philadelphia Classis thrice fails to give the Synodical relation of the German Classis of Philadelphia.
3. Lebanon Classis fails to give the Synodical relation of the German Philadelphia Classis.
4. The Stated Clerk of the same Classis fails to properly attest its Minutes as an original copy.
5. The Minutes of Tohickon Classis do not bear the seal of the Classis.
6. Lebanon Classis fails to give the year for the next Annual Meeting of the Classis.
7. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to give the denominational relation of the Church in which the next Annual Meeting of Classis will be held.
8. East Susquehanna Classis fails to add up the Columns of Minutes of Synod asked for in its Statistical report.
9. The Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis fails to detach the reports on the state of religion and statistics from his copy of the Minutes of Classis sent to this Synod.
10. West Susquehanna Classis does not specify in its Statistical tables the number of copies of the printed Minutes of Synod, as directed by the Synod of Bellefonte one year ago.
11. East Susquehanna Classis fails to page its Minutes.

II. Requests.

12. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to decide a case of jurisdiction between it and the Classis of Tohickon touching the Landsdale Mission in Montgomery county, Pa., and to take such action as it may deem best in the case, p. 82.

13. Lebanon Classis requests Synod to give credit to Rev. M. L. Fritch for his benevolent contributions for the year 1882, p. 38.

14. Requests are made by the various Classes for the following quota of the printed Minutes of Synod; East Pennsylvania, 101 English, 56 German; Lebanon, 234 English, 115 German; Philadelphia, 175 English, 4 German; Lancaster, 140 English, 12 German; East Susquehanna, 101 English, 56 German; West Susquehanna, — English, — German; Goshenhoppen, 104 English, 76 German; Tohickon, 100 English, 47 German; Lehigh, 426 English, 324 German.

III. Complaints and Appeals.

15. Lebanon Classis complains of the action of the Classis of Goshenhoppen touching the dismissal of Rev. P. P. A. Hoffman, p. 84.

16. Tohickon Classis calls Synod's attention to the fact that the Finance Committee misrepresented said Classis last year in reporting it as in arrears for Contingent and Sinking Fund, p. 19.

IV. Subjects Referred.

17. All the Classes adopted the requests of Synod with the exception of the Classes of East Susquehanna and Goshenhoppen which took no action on Synod's request concerning a collection for the Theological Seminary. The latter also failed to take any action in regard to the care of indigent persons.

V. Licensure Ordinations, Reception and Dismissions.

18. East Pennsylvania Classis received Rev. J. H. Schlappig from the Classis of Lebanon. Licentiate F. W. Smith from the Classis of Lehigh, dismissed Rev. H. W. Hibschman, D. D. to the Classis of Tiffin, Synod of Ohio, and ordained and installed Licentiate G. W. Kerschner.

19. Lebanon Classis licensed Geo. M. Stibits, Geo. W. Gerhard, A. S. Weber and Geo. A. Zellers. Dismissed Licentiate G. W. Gerhard to the Classis of West Susquehanna, and deposed Rev. A. S. Keiser from the Ministry.

20. Philadelphia Classis received Rev. A. Romich from the Classis of West Susquehanna, Rev. J. S. Hartzell from the Classis of Clarion, Synod of Pittsburg, Rev. Jas. Crawford from Classis of Lancaster, Licentiate C. W. Levan from the Classis of Goshenhoppen, and dismissed Rev. A. R. Thomson to the Classis of East Pennsylvania.

21. Lancaster Classis licensed D. B. Schneder and B. F. Bausmann, dismissed Rev. Geo. B. Resser to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac, Rev. D. B. Shuey to the Classis of Kansas, Synod of Ohio, Rev. Jas. Crawford to the Classis of Philadelphia, Licentiate B. F. Bausmann to the Virginia Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. C. S. Gerhard to Lebanon Classis, received Rev. J. M. Souder from Allegheny Classis, Synod of Pittsburg.

22. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. S. Kuhn from the Lancaster Classis and Licentiate W. D. Donat from the Classis of Lehigh, and ordained and installed him.

23. West Susquehanna Classis received Rev. J. S. Wagner from Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburg, Rev. Henry Keller from Iowa Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Licentiate Geo. W. Gerhard from the Classis of Lebanon; dismissed Rev. J. H. Derr to the Classis of Gettysburg, Synod of Potomac, Rev. L. E. Edmonds to the Classis of Clarion, Synod of Pittsburg, Rev. Abraham Romich to Philadelphia Classis, and gave permission to Rev. H. Keller to withdraw from the active duties of the Ministry and devote himself to a secular calling.

24. Goshenhoppen Classis ordained Licentiate Chas. S. Weland, licensed J. A. Wickert and C. W. Levan, and dismissed Licentiate J. A. Wickert to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac, and Licentiate C. W. Levan to Philadelphia Classis.

25. Tohickon Classis dismissed Rev. J. J. Rothrock to East Susquehanna Classis.

26. Classis of Lehigh received Rev. Walter E. Krebs from Classis of Gettysburg. Synod of Potomac, licensed A. P. Horn and F. W. Smith, dismissed Licentiate A. P. Horn to North Carolina Classis, Synod of Potomac, and Licentiate F. W. Smith to the Classis of East Pennsylvania.

VI. Time and Place of Meeting.

27. The Classis of East Pennsylvania will meet in Annual Sessions in the Third Street Reformed Church, Easton, Pa., on the 28d of May, 1884, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. D. F. Brendle, *President*, Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk*.

28. The Classis of Lebanon will meet in Annual Sessions in Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., on Thursday after Trinity Sunday at 8 p. m. Rev. L. D. Steckel, *President*, Rev. T. Kessler, *Stated Clerk*.

29. The Classis of Philadelphia will meet in Annual Sessions in St. Luke's Reformed Church, North Wales, Montgomery county, Pa., June 6th, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. D. Van Horne, D.D., *President*, Rev. J. H. Sechler, *Stated Clerk*.

30. The Classis of Lancaster will meet in Annual Sessions in the Reformed Church at Hummelstown, Dauphin county, Pa., on Thursday after Whit-Sunday, June 5th, 1884, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. John A. Peters, *President*, Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*.

31. The Classis of East Susquehanna will meet in Annual Sessions in the Reformed Church at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., on Wednesday before Trinity Sunday A. D. 1884, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. A. R. Hottenstein, *President*, Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk*.

32. The Classis of West Susquehanna will meet in Annual Sessions in the Reformed Church at Lewisburg, Union county, Pa., on the first Wednesday in May, 1884, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. A. C. Whitmer, *President*, Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

33. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in Annual Sessions in Frieden's Church, Friedensburg, Berks county, Pa., on Friday after Ascension Day, 1884, at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. D. E. Schoedler, *President*, Rev. L. J. Mayer, *Stated Clerk*.

34. The Classis of Tohickon will meet in Annual Sessions in the First Reformed Church, South Bethlehem, Northampton county, Pa., on Friday after Ascension Day, May 23, 1884, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. A. B. Koplin, *President*, Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

35. The Classis of Lehigh will meet in Annual Sessions in Zion's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., on the first Thursday after Easter, April 17th, 1884, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., *President*, Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. SNYDER, *Chairman*.

The several items reported as irregularities were approved. For the action of Synod on 12th item see Art. XX, Church Government, 13th and 23d items, Art. XVI, References and Appeals. On item 15 see Art. XVII, On Complaint. The remaining items of the report were approved.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit :

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, begs leave to report that no references being made to it the committee found no duties to perform.

T. G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports presented its report during the afternoon session on Monday, which was received and adopted.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report :

The reports of the respective classes seem to indicate that when we come to sit in judgment on the religious and moral condition of an ecclesiastical domain, it is well to say but little and to say that little well.

The Classes give devout thanks for many favors of a beneficent Providence, bestowed in the economy of the Christian life. All the reports have it in strong terms that the Word was faithfully preached, the Sacraments properly administered, and all the agencies of Christian nurture kept in distinctive force. We are told that there was much increase in numbers, prosperity and strength. Yet it is not concealed that there is still much evil to overcome, and large growth necessary in that which is already right and good. The educational economy of the faith, as it is understood and enforced by us, is reported as coming to clearer and more effective practical enforcement, while we are admonished, however, that even in this thing, in which we have all along been traditionally most orthodox and active, we are yet far from such a degree of practical efficiency as both the Gospel and the circumstances of the times demand.

We are told very positively that benevolence is increasing, and that larger sums of money are flowing into the Lord's treasury. These things being so we are in a happy line of prosperity and future success. Just in this very particular have we been too long seriously at fault, and if now at last our finances are rising to a level with the crying demands of the situation, we may well pause and give thanks to God that at this late day we have the good fortune of being delivered from the pinching narrowness of our past financial history.

Some of the reports also state that the circulation of our various Church periodicals has been largely increased, and that our publication interests generally are in a more promising condition than before. This is another cause for hearty congratulation. General intelligence is one of the necessities of the times. The printing press is an engine of power, which no Church can afford to ignore at this stage of modern history, and we may well consider ourselves happy, ecclesiastically and confessionally, since we are waking up to a proper sense of this fact.

The matter of discipline and effective government also claimed the attention of the lower judicatories. What is reported of this matter is sufficient to show that the mind of the Church is led to grapple with it as of cardinal importance. The enforcement of discipline, it is suggested, is involved in much difficulty and

delicate responsibility. This may be the reason why there is such a backwardness to enforce its just claims. And when we are confronted with the necessity of good government, as a warrant of genuine freedom and of social and moral strength, there is a universal acknowledgment of the necessity of compact organization for the purposes of confessional growth. In response to this growing demand the cry comes up from the Classis below, and down from the General Synod above, that improvement is needed, and that it is already in process of coming.

Such are the main points on which we are required to touch in this our report. And we may be allowed here to say with double emphasis, that from these things it would seem that this is a season for special rejoicing in the history of our Zion. For if, in connection with our well known devotion to the theory and customs of educational religion, we are to fall in broadly and generously with the reigning current of organized practical beneficence, then we have reached the dawn of a new era in our denominational life and growth. May Heaven forbid that this bright picture which has come up before us so auspiciously, through the voice of the Churches, should vanish before our eyes and we be left sad and stricken by the force of a just disappointment.

Here we must turn away from the pleasant task of considering the cardinal issues of Church history and Church work, and turn to the dread realities of the article of death.

West Susquehanna Classis reports the death of Rev. A. B. Casper and Rev. Henry S. Bossler, and also that of some prominent Elders.

Lancaster Classis records the departure of Rev. Henry A. Friedel, and also that of Elders.

Philadelphia Classis brings us the news that the Revs. J. S. Vandersloot and J. Hannaberry have been called up to join the hosts of the sainted dead.

These obituary notices of our departed brethren furnish perhaps the most fitting close of what we have to say as a committee to this Rev. body about the state of the Churches. We do not claim that we have covered the whole ground so as to take in every particular, yet we have touched upon such vital points as will not fail to give a fair idea of the actual condition of the territory we here represent, and of the hopes we are encouraged to entertain.

And now unto the God of peace be worship and glory, world without end.

Respectfully submitted,

I. E. GRAEFF, *Chairman.*

For the Statistical Reports see Appendix.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

(a.) *Report of Board of Trustees.*

Brethren: The Board of Trustees held their regular Spring and Autumn meetings. At the former the following officers were re-elected. D. W. Gross, President; Geo. W. Hensel, Vice-President; John B. Roth, Treasurer; Edw. J. Zahm, Secretary. The Executive Committee of the Board are D. W. Gross, Geo. W. Hensel, John B. Roth, Edw. J. Zahm, and Geo. Z. Kunkle.

The Treasurer's report which accompanies this will explain the financial condition of the Institution, and will show the continued necessity of aid from the churches. We suggest that Synod re-iterate its action requesting the charges to give the Seminary one collection during the year. Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

EDW. J. ZAHM, *Secretary.*

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 4th, 1888.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1882.

DR.

Oct. 1.	For Int. rec. of E. V. Gerhart to date	\$ 62 84
" 1.	" " " on Houseworth Mort.	45 00
" 1.	" " " Kieffer legacy, J. Nissley Tr.	112 50
" 2.	" " " of I. H. Brown to Oct. 1, '82	90 00
" 3.	" " " of H. Stamm to Aug. 2, '82	4 41
" 4.	" " " of Geo. Sarbaugh on account	90 00
" 6.	" " " S. M. Keen to Oct. 1, '82	75 00
" 23.	" " " Geo. F. Bear to Apl. 21, '88	60 00
Dec. 8.	" " " J. Heyser on account	150 00
" 11.	" " " Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. W. Susq. Classis	4 24
" 28.	" " " A. M. Steacy in full to Dec. 13, '82	24 00

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Jan. 22.	" " " Dr. A. H. Strickler in full to Jan. 1, '83	29 84
Feb. 8.	" " " Geo. W. Schroyer to date	105 00
" 19.	" " " Kieffer legacy, J. Nissley Tr.	125 00
" 21.	" " " Allemania Fire Ins. Co. Jan. 1, '83	40 00
" 22.	" " " Lehigh Valley R. R. Bond	150 00
" 27.	" " " G. S. Griffith to Jan. 1, '83	30 00
" 28.	" " " Geo. Hill, Tr. E. Susq. Classis, Jan. 1, '83	30 00
" 28.	" " " John Becker to date	240 00
Mar. 14.	" " " Ft. Stephen's Cong. to Oct. 29, '82	42 00
" 23.	" " " Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. W. Susq. Classis	2 64
" 30.	" " " Houseworth Mort. to Apr. 1, '83	45 00
" 30.	" " " P. M. Ermantrout to Apr. 1, '83	270 00
" 31.	" " " S. H. Keen to Apr. 1, '83	75 00
Apr. 2.	" " " I. H. Brown to Apr. 1, '83	90 00
" 2.	" " " Geo. Sarbaugh on account	100 00
" 5.	" " " A. B. Wingerd on account	100 00
" 5.	" " " Int. on Heckerman Bond to Apr. 1, '81	55 00
" 6.	" " " Kieffer legacy, J. Nissley Tr.	112 50
" 6.	" " " Cook legacy, J. Nissley Tr. Apr. 1, '83	72 00
" 9.	" " " E. M. Killough to May 1, '83	75 00
" 19.	" " " Geo. Sarbaugh on account	90 00
" 28.	" " " E. G. Smith in full	125 00
Jun. 4.	" " " A. M. Steacy to June 13, '83	24 00
" 22.	" " " Lehigh Valley R. R. Bonds	150 00
July 2.	" " " J. Heyser on account	75 00
" 5.	" " " on loan to July 1, '83	188 47
" 5.	" " " J. B. Roth to April 1, '83	50 10
" 7.	" " " Harrisburg Bridge Co. dividend	5 60
" 18.	" " " Note account to April 1, '83	9 00
" 25.	" " " Allemania Fire Ins. Co. Stock	20 00
Aug. 8.	" " " on Robinson's note to Apr. 1, '83	60 00
" 8.	" " " Kieffer legacy, J. Nissley Tr.	125 00
" 13.	" " " Geo. W. Schroyer to Aug. 8, '83	105 00
" 27.	" " " John Becker to August 28, '83	240 00
Sept. 1.	" " " Bond of Lebanon Classis to July 1, '83	80 00
" 3.	" " " Bond of East Susq. Classis to Oct. 1, '83	22 50
" 8.	" " " E. V. Gerhart, D. D. to Oct. 1, '83	61 67
" 6.	" " " Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Tr. Lehigh Classis	15 00
" 17.	" " " Bond of Mercersburg Classis to July 1, '83	60 00
" 24.	" " " S. M. Keen to Oct. 1, '83	75 00

Sept. 29.	For Int. rec on Houseworth Mort. to Oct. 1, '83	45 00
Oct. 1.	" " " from E. J. Zahm to Apr. 1, '83	220 26
" 1.	" " " from John Kepner to Oct. 1, '83	63 00
" 1.	" " " Jacob Heyser on account	75 00
" 1.	" " " Amt. from Theol. Sem. Relief Fund to date	366 20
" 1.	" " " on Building Fund to date	537 07

1882.	CR.	\$ 5,845.07
Sept. 23.	By Bal. due Trs. per account rendered	\$2,183 26
Nov. 4.	" Bill paid I. M. Keefer	13 60
Dec. 2.	" Goodell's Bill and coal oil	8 58
" 2.	" M. F. Stiegerwalt's bill, coal	68 00
Nov. 22.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D. salary account	200 00
" 22.	" T. G. Apple, D. D. salary account	200 00
" 22.	" F. A. Gast, D. D. salary account	100 00
Dec. 20.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D. salary to Jan. 1, '83	175 00
" 20.	" T. G. Apple, D. D. " " "	175 0
" 20.	" F. A. Gast, D. D. " " "	150 00

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Jan. 17.	" Janitor's salary to Jan. 1, '83	50 00
Feb. 22.	" E. V. Gerhart on salary account	200 00
" 22.	" T. G. Apple " " "	200 00
" 22.	" F. A. Gast " " "	150 00
Mar. 23.	" F. A. Gast, salary to April 1, '83	100 00
" 23.	" E. V. Gerhart " " "	175 00
" 23.	" T. G. Apple " " "	175 00
" 23.	" Janitor's salary " " "	50 00
" 23.	" E. G. Smith, expense account	25 00
Apr. 7.	" E. V. Gerhart salary account	200 00
" 7.	" T. G. Apple " " "	200 00
" 7.	" F. A. Gast " " "	150 00
June 20.	" E. V. Gerhart " " to July 1, '83	175 00
" 20.	" T. G. Apple " " "	175 00
" 20.	" F. A. Gast " " "	100 00
" 20.	" Janitor's " " "	50 00
" 21.	" Bill of repairs, E. V. Gerhart	17 54
" 21.	" " Coho, lumber, etc.	14 30
" 27.	" Repairs, E. V. Gerhart	1 50
July 9.	" " Catalogues 1883	21 84
Aug. 20.	" E. V. Gerhart, salary account	200 00
" 20.	" Thos. G. Apple, " " "	200 00
" 20.	" F. A. Gast, " " "	150 00
" 30.	" T. G. Apple " " to Oct. 1, '83	175 00
Sept. 3.	" E. V. Gerhart " " to Oct. 1, '83	175 00
" 6.	" S. M. Taylor's bill, coal oil and brooms	1 40
" 13.	" F. A. Gast, D. D. salary to Oct. 1, '83	100 00
" 13.	" J. Bausman, Treas. F. & M. Col.	50 00
" 13.	" Klopp legacy int. to Oct. 1, '83	40 00
" 13.	" Postage, stamps, etc.	5 00
Oct. 1.	" Treasurer's salary to Oct. 1, '83	100 00

\$6,694.42

Amount Dr. brought forward 5,845.07

Oct 1, '83 Amount due Treas. is \$1,849.35

The undersigned Auditing Committee, having examined the Treas. account and compared his vouchers, find the same correct.

October 4, 1883.

CHAS. SANTEE, } Committee.
A. G. RENINGER, }

LIBRARY FUND

JOHN B. BOTH, *Treasurer of Theological Seminary, in account with LIBRARY FUND.*
1882. DR.

	Principal	\$2,069.96	
Sept. 28.	To balance due per account	\$72 03	
Nov. 20.	To Int. rec'd of Jno. Meily to April 1, '82	90 00	
" 11.	" " P. Fisher's Exrs.	80 00	
Oct. 1.	" " E. J. Zahm to Apr. 1, '83	15 00	

1882. CR. \$257 03

Oct. 10.	By J. M. Stoddart's bill paid	\$ 6 00	
" 27.	" S. M. Zahm & Co. "	17 45	
" 27.	" Scribner & Sons "	2 80	

1883.

Jan. 13.	" W. H. Roy "	5 80	
" 13.	" F. W. Christern's "	4 25	
Feb. 19.	" American Institute of Hebrew	2 10	
Mar. 2.	" F. W. Christern's Bill	2 00	
" 23.	" F. W. Christern's "	2 80	
June 8.	" J. M. Stoddart & Co. bill paid	6 00	
" 11.	" S. M. Zahm & Co. "	34 00	
" 11.	" Insurance charges "	6 50	
" 11.	" " " "	6 50	
" 20.	" A. Bendeil's "	4 32	
" 20.	" W. L. Greene & Co. "	1 50	
Aug. 13.	" F. A. Gast's bill paid	6 00	
Sept. 21.	" C. R. Ferner "	7 75	
Oct. 1.	" Balance due	141 26	

\$257 03

Oct. 1, '83. To amount of balance due \$141 26

STATEMENT OF SMALTZ FUND.

1882.	Amount of principal is	\$5,000 00	
Oct. 5.	For int. rec. to Oct. 1, '82	\$275 00	
1883.	May 15. " " Apr. 1, '83	137 50	
Oct. 1.	" " Oct. 1, '83	137 50	

\$550 00

1882.	CR.		
Oct. 5.	By Int paid C. G. Fisher, Trs.	\$275 00	
1883.	May 15. " " C. G. Fisher, "	137 50	
Oct. 1.	" " C. G. Fisher, "	137 50	

\$550 00

PITTSBURG PROF. FUND.

1883. Oct. 1. Amount of principal is \$1,718 80

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1882. Oct. 1. Amount of principal is \$69,849 76

BUILDING FUND.

1882. Oct. 1. Amount of principal reported \$12,793 05
 1883. May 10. John H. Heilman's note paid 50 00
 " 10. Maria Wanner's note paid 40 00

October 1, 1883. \$12,883 05

The undersigned Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find the same correct.

Oct. 4, 1883. CHAS. SANTER, } Committee.
 A. G. RENNINGER, }

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY RELIEF FUND.

Received from sundry sources from June 11th, 1881, to date, to meet deficiencies in expense account of the Institution.

June 11. Rev. D. B. Shuey, Tr. Lancaster Classis \$18 09
 St. Stephen's congregation, Lancaster, Pa. 6 00
 Christ Ref. congregation, Phila. 25 00
 W. A. Haas, Tr. congregation Selinsgrove 5 86
 J. W. Love, Tr. Westmoreland Classis 77 85
 Darius W. Gerhard, Tr. New Holland congregation 8 84
 Salem Reformed congregation, Harrisburg 85 00
 First Reformed congregation, Lancaster 16 00
 W. A. Haas, Tr. W. Susq. Classis 17 60
 A. Bartholomew, Lehighton 15 00
 C. A. Shultz, Tr. Zion's Classis 84 15
 T. J. Craig Tr. Pittsburg Synod 21 06
 L. Markell, Tr. Potomac Synod \$50 00
 L. Markell, " " " \$50 00. 100 00
 H. J. Myers, Tr. Gettysburg Classis 12 00
 Simon S. Miller, Tr. Maryland Classis, Frederick Cong. 25 00
 Trinity Ref. Cong., Columbia, Lan. Co. Pa. 5 00
 A. Bartholomew, Tr. Mahoning Charge 10 50
 St. Stephen's congregation, Lancaster, Pa. 5 00
 W. A. Haas, Tr. W. Susq. Classis 8 50
 Darius W. Gerhard, Tr. New Holland congregation 8 80
 T. A. Huber, Tr. Monroe Co. 20 00
 J. W. Pontius, Zions Charge congregation, St. Paul's classis 14 00
 J. H. Pannebecker 13 35

\$498 20

Less amount accounted for in former reports 182 00

Oct. 1, 1883. \$366 20

b.) Report of the Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

Respected Brethren:—The undersigned begs leave to present the following as the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster.

The following students were admitted to the Junior Class at the opening of the Seminary, one year ago, eight in number: Carl C. G. Betz, Henry Ditsler, Charles R. Ferner, Cyrus M. Hartzel, Wm. E. Hay, Warren J. Johnson, Jonathan W. Miller, and Lewis Reiter.

Mr. Ferner was absent from the Seminary during part of the year, engaged in teaching. Mr. Betz lost much time on account of sickness, and finally withdrew altogether from the Seminary during the course of the year.

The Middle Class consisted of only three students, the two mentioned in last year's report, together with Calvin B. Heller, a former student of the Seminary, who was admitted *ad eundem*.

The members of the Senior Class, nine in number, having completed the course of study in the Seminary prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, received the usual *Testimonial*, setting forth these facts at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: B. F. Bausmann, Geo. W. Gerhard, Daniel N. Harnish, Alfred P. Horn, Chas. W. Levan, D. B. Schneder, Frank W. Smith, Adam S. Weber, and Jairus A. Wickert.

The whole number of students in attendance during the year was twenty, (20).

The examinations of the Senior Class this year were conducted orally in all the branches of study pursued by the class; and of the Middle and Junior classes, orally and in writing. They were satisfactory, and this order will be continued hereafter.

The conduct of the students and their progress in their studies were satisfactory. In their meetings they sought to cultivate the spirit of missions, and to gain for themselves proper views of their future work, but of the nine who finished their studies, seven were able to officiate both in the English and German languages. Three of them have taken charge of Missions, and the rest are in other pastoral fields, occupying posts of usefulness.

Since the meeting of the Board last Spring, one of its members, Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D. D., an honored and beloved brother, fell asleep in the Lord, and left a vacancy in the Board.

We still regard the number of students in the Seminary as inadequate to meet the growing wants of the Church, and would still urge the Synod to continue her efforts to secure a larger number of young men to devote themselves to the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 11, 1883.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

c.) Report of the Board of Education.

Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with Rev. Charles G. Fisher, Treasurer.

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By Balance in Treasury, Oct. 2, 1883	\$856 22
By Cash received from Treasurer of Tohickon Classis	115 00
" " " " East Pennsylvania Classis	810 00
" " Klopp Legacy, J. B. Roth, Treasurer	40 00
" " Smaltz Fund, "	550 00
" " Gerhart Legacy, J. J. Nissley, Treasurer	6 00
By amount loaned Ref. Church Publication Board, returned by Treas. .	100 00
By three months' interest on same	1 50

\$1,978 72

Dr.

To Cash paid beneficiaries of East Pennsylvania Classis	\$310 00
" " Tobickon Classis	115 00
" " on Smalts Fund	200 00
" " on General Fund	790 00
Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple for use of Japanese student, per order of Dr. J. O. Miller	50 00
Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple for use of particular student per order of above	25 00
Rev. Dr. T. Appel, salary as Secretary of Board	20 00
Expenses of Treasurer to Lancaster	4 25
Balance in Treasury	464 47
	\$1,978 72

This certifies that I have examined the above account with accompanying vouchers, and find it to be correct.

THEODORE APPEL.

II. REPORT ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Saturday. The report was received, considered item by item, amended, then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:—

The Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to offer the following report:—

The documents referred to us are the Reports of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, of the Board of Trustees, of Board of Education, and of the Board of Visitors.

From the Report of the Treasurer we learn that the Endowment Fund is \$69,349.76, no increase having been made since the report of last year; that the income of the institution was \$5846.07, and the disbursements \$6694.42, leaving a deficit or amount due the Treasurer of \$1349.35; and that for the purpose of meeting the deficit in the income, moneys from special sources were received, amounting to \$498.20, less \$132, accounted for in former reports, or \$366.20.

1. Hence the Board of Trustees report the necessity of continuing the special aid from the congregations to meet the current expenses, and request Synod to reiterate its action requesting the different charges to lift at least one collection during the year for the benefit of the Seminary.

The Report of the Board of Visitors states that twenty students were in attendance during the year; one of whom, however, withdrew before the close. At the opening one year ago eight were admitted into the Junior class and one into the Middle class, increasing the number in that class to three. The students of the Senior class, nine in number, completed the course of study; seven of these are able to preach in both languages, and three have taken charge of missions.

2. A vacancy in the Board was caused by the death of Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D. D.

3. The report complains of the inadequate number of students in the Seminary to meet the growing wants of the church: and therefore be it

Resolved, That earnest efforts be put forth to induce talented young men to prepare for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. LEINBACH, *Chairman*.

MEMBERS CONSTITUTING THE BOARDS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
AT LANCASTER, PA.

Board of Trustees.—Daniel W. Gross, Edward J. Zahm, John B. Roth, Louis Markel, George Z. Kunkle, Chas. Santee, Henry Wirt, Isaac H. Kieffer, William J. Baer, William E. Schmerts, Owen L. Schreiber, Adam B. Wingerd, Thomas J. Craig, Geo. W. Hensel, John Heilman, Henry M. Cocklin, Aaron G. Renninger, Israel Laucks.

Board of Visitors.—Revs. Amos H. Kremer, D. D., Theodore Appel, D. D., Daniel M. Wolff, Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Chas. F. McCauley, D. D., E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Jos. H. Apple, D. D., W. R. H. Deatrich, J. O. Miller, D. D., Thos. C. Porter, D. D., Albert E. Truxal.

In the place of Rev. Chas. H. Leinbach, D. D., deceased, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, of Philadelphia, was elected.

ARTICLE XIV.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The following Annual Report was received from the Board of Missions and referred to the Committee on Missions:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Fathers and Brethren: We transmit to your Reverend body the Reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the "Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States." The Reports are encouraging. Our missionary work is enlarging, and the people are becoming more liberal. We earnestly solicit your renewed encouragement of the pastors and people in your bounds to this work of the Lord. "Go preach the Gospel."

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary.*

TO THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

The following action was taken at the Annual meeting of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States held in Lancaster Sept. 17, 1883.

Whereas the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States was organized in the year 1824; and whereas, the Lord has greatly blessed its work during its entire history, therefore

Resolved, That this Board suggests to the three Synods the propriety of celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Organization of the Board of Missions and of requesting the Synods to instruct the Classes within their bounds when and in what manner to observe the Anniversary and make the occasion both interesting and profitable to the Church generally.

The Synods constituting this Board are hereby urged to pay the several sums assumed by them for the Washington Mission.

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary.*

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS, FOR THE YEAR 1882-1883.

To the Reverend Synods, of Pittsburgh, of the Potomac, and of the United States :

RESPECTED BRETHREN :—The Superintendent of Missions hereby presents to your honorable bodies his Sixth Annual Report of the progress and present condition of the missions under the care of the Board of Home Missions of the Church.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grace Church, Easton.—Under the Board seven years. Members, 86. S. S. scholars, about 100. Baptisms, 21. Additions, 5. Contributions for benevolent objects, about \$90. For local objects, \$600. The debt, amounting to \$1,600, was all paid off during the year, \$1,500 of which was the generous gift of three individuals, members of the mother church on 3d street, Easton. The property, now free from all encumbrance, is worth about \$4,000. The mission depends mainly for increase of membership on members of the church who move into this part of the town from the country, all of whom should connect with it at once. The members are more hopeful than at any previous period in the history of the mission. "Some time ago the Borough Council, having ordered certain streets to be curbed and paved, it became necessary for the mission to comply with the notice as regards its property. The members agreed to do the work themselves, and for three nights worked by torchlight, digging trenches and putting in the heavy curbing. The pastor, Dr. Heisler, was conspicuous in the work, which was finished on Saturday night amid great rejoicing." Had the work been hired out it would have cost the congregation in all about \$300. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year, \$250. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler, D.D.

Salem's Church, Catawauqua.—Members, 150, diminished by removals and cessures. S. S. scholars, 20. Baptisms, 27. Additions, 16. For benevolence, \$54. Local objects, over \$500. Value of property, \$10,000. Indebtedness, \$1,250. The church papers, to a certain extent, circulated in the families. A Missionary Society was started last winter, and it has now one hundred dollars in its treasury. An effort was made during the year to strengthen the charge by connecting it with a neighboring congregation; but the members objected, regarding it as necessary to have all the time of the pastor. They prefer paying off the present indebtedness and then try to become self-supporting, which they believe can be done in this way in a much shorter time. The Board is satisfied that they should have an opportunity to make the experiment. The present pastor has been in the field six years. Appropriation last year, \$400. This year, \$350. Pastor, John J. Crist.

St. John's Church, Reading.—One congregation, organized in 1871. Members, 450. S. S. scholars, 450. Additions, 96. Baptisms, 50. Losses, 20. Cost of property, \$22,000. Reduction of indebtedness, \$340. For benevolence, \$114. For salary and local objects, \$2,000. It is expected that the mission will be strengthened by annexing to it another congregation that worship at a short distance in the country. In any event the mission hereafter will be self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, nothing. Pastor, J. W. Steinmetz.

Birdsboro.—The arrangement referred to in our last report in regard to connecting this mission with other congregations was carried out successfully during the year, and the congregation no longer needs any assistance from the Board.

St. John's Church, West Philadelphia.—Members, 55. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 12. Losses, 17. Raised for benevolence, \$25. For local objects, \$457. Church papers, 12. Value of church property, \$6,000. This mission was established in 1865, and has had an unfortunate history. It has had its successes, but it has had also many reverses to encounter. The population upon which it seeks to confer spiritual blessings are of a fluctuating character, and thus, whilst it has all along been making additions to its membership, it has been called on to meet many losses. The location of the church and the character of the building have, to some extent, been a difficulty in its way. Neither, we presume, was expected to become permanent. During the past year an effort was made

to dispose of the property and to build in another place, in accordance with the advice of the Board. The present indebtedness is \$2,400, but the interest, contingent expenses and salary have been paid up during the past year better than in former years, when there was usually a deficit, and, as a consequence, an annual increase in the amount of indebtedness. Under the efficient services of the present pastor, the progress of the mission, if not as rapid as we could wish, will, as we believe, be solid and sure. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$500. Pastor, J. P. Stein.

Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg.—Organized as a mission in 1864. Served by the present pastor ten years. Members, 119. S. S. scholars, 230. Baptisms during the year, 10. Additions, 17. Losses, 10. For benevolence, \$160. For local objects, \$550. Church property worth \$8,000. No indebtedness. During the period the present pastor has been serving this mission, he has added 174 members, of whom 83 have been dismissed or otherwise separated from the congregation. No progress has been made in securing a parsonage, although the matter is still agitated. Could this object be accomplished, the mission would be nearly or altogether self-sustaining. The project of establishing a mission at Steelton, near Harrisburg, is now in the hands of a committee of Lancaster Classis. The prospects of organizing a congregation and of the erection of a chapel at that place are said to be encouraging. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$200. Pastor, G. W. Snyder.

Zwingli Church, Harrisburg.—This mission was doing well according to our report last year, and we had hoped that it was in a fair way of becoming a well established congregation; but it met with a great affliction in the death of its pastor, H. A. Freidel, in January last. He was an efficient pastor, and did much to encourage the hopes and strengthen the faith of the people. After his death, the Board adopted measures to secure another pastor, but the consistory, on the ground of economy, preferred to secure the services of Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor of the English mission at Harrisburg, who has supplied the pulpit once a Sabbath for about six months, without any expense to the Board. This was intended to be a temporary arrangement, and should, we think, give way to the settlement of a regular pastor over the mission, who may give to it his undivided time and attention. It has suffered somewhat in the loss or removal of members, and its present strength is not as great as it was one year ago, when it reported 85 members. The number of S. S. scholars is also less. Value of property about \$8,000. Indebtedness, \$1,221, an apparent increase over that given last year. For benevolence, \$12.20. For local objects, \$134. Interest received as rent for the use of the lecture-room, \$120. Appropriation last year, \$200. Vacant.

Columbia.—According to the expectation expressed in last year's report, the mission at Columbia became self-supporting on the first of January last, and it is now doing well.

Wilkes-Barre Mission.—At present, one congregation. Members, 375. Baptisms, 63. S. S. scholars, 200. Additions, 37. Losses, 8. For benevolence, 70. Local objects, \$1,700. Indebtedness, \$800. Reduction during the year, \$750. At a recent meeting of the consistory of this church it was resolved to relieve the Board of all missionary support from October 1, 1883, and also to return the thanks of the mission for the aid extended by the church at large to the congregation. This mission has been under the care of the Board for a period of five years.

The congregation at Nanticoke, formerly a part of the Wilkes-Barre mission, dedicated its new church during the past year and secured for itself a pastor of its own, promising to support him without further aid from the church. Said minister has not yet connected himself with the East Susquehanna Classis, as was expected, and the Classis appointed a committee to look after its interests in the congregation, which belongs to Classis, and was constituted a distinct charge at its last annual meeting.

The mission at Plymouth, which also grew out of the Wilkes-Barre mission, is still under the efficient care of Pastor S. C. Meekel, and receiving from the Classis \$300, as missionary support. It has at present 75 members, a good Sunday School, and a neat chapel in the centre of the town, which, with the lot, cost \$2,500, and is all paid for. Its prospects are encouraging. Pastor, F. K. Levan.

Lock Haven Mission.—Two congregations, St. Luke's and St. John's. Mem-

bers, 160. S. S. scholars, 160. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 26. Losses, 5. For benevolence, \$52. For local purposes, \$1,300, of which \$850 were paid for the reduction of the indebtedness and repairs. The amount of indebtedness *unpaid* is \$500,—incurred by necessary repairs the whole or greater part of which, however, will be paid in at an early day. Value of property, at least, \$5,000. The pastor has been in this field for six years, during which it has made encouraging progress, and its prospects for the future are encouraging. During the spring he handed in his resignation to the Board and the Classis, to take effect on the 1st of July last, but remained at his post as a supply until a successor was secured. The Rev. G. W. Gerhard, licentiate, was elected by the congregation and commissioned by the Board to take his place, who entered upon his duties on the 1st of September, with good prospects of usefulness before him. The thanks of the church are due to Mr. Stahr for his self-denying labors in rallying this mission, and with the help of God, in establishing it on a good foundation. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$280. Pastor, G. W. Gerhard.

St. John's Church, Williamsport.—This is a new mission, organized in the spring of 1882, but not supplied with a pastor until the beginning of the current year. As both the German and the English portions of the old congregation needed more preaching, an amicable division was effected more than a year ago. The Germans retained the old church, but agreed to give the English \$1,500 for the erection of a new church for themselves. The Classis of West Susquehanna promised to give an equal amount. Thus encouraged the congregation have purchased ground and expect to lay the corner-stone of their new church during the present month. Its prospects are encouraging. Members, 74. S. S. scholars, 90. Baptisms, 3. Additions, 28. Losses, 2. For benevolence, \$56. For local objects, \$1,300. The members and the pastor have shown energy and activity in pushing forward this new enterprise, and with the divine blessing have the prospects of seeing, at no distant day, their efforts crowned with success. Two churches are needed in Williamsport, and both have started out with a new life and a new spirit. The appropriation is \$300, one-half of which is paid by the Classis, and the other by this Board. Appropriation this year, \$150. Assisted by Classis, \$150. Pastor, J. S. Wagner.

Zion's Reformed Church, Stroudsburg.—During the past year the pastor in charge was requested by the Classis to supply several vacant congregations in the country, and this, with the fact that he had to be absent frequently to collect money in other charges for the erection of a new church, prevented him from preaching at Stroudsburg as regularly as he desired. His audiences in the courthouse, however, increased rather than diminished, when he was at home and able to preach for his people. Thus far he has secured \$2,726 for the new church, to which additions will be made from time to time as the money is needed. The whole cost of the church will not exceed \$5,000, and it is confidently believed that when it is finished there will be little or no indebtedness resting on it. Ground has been broken, and the building will go up yet this fall, but will not probably be finished until next spring. It is proper to add that the missionary has met with a generous encouragement and a liberal help in the different charges in the Classis which he thus far has been able to visit. Members, 40. Baptisms, 8. No S. school as yet organized. Contributions mostly made for the erection of a church. Prospects encouraging. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$275. Pastor, G. W. Kerschner.

The Bangor Mission.—This mission, consisting of two or three congregations in Northampton county, separated from the Mt. Bethel congregation, was constituted a new charge at its last annual meeting and placed under the care of the Board as a mission for the present. The ground had been prepared for this result by Dr. Hibschman, by whose efforts the congregation at Bangor was organized, and supplied as long as he remained in the field. A pastor has been secured, but the Board thus far has received no report of the progress of the mission. Appropriation, \$— . Pastor, J. G. Neff.

East End, Wilkinsburg.—Two congregations. Members, 125. S. S. scholars, 150. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 22. Losses and emasures, 19. For benevolence, \$75. For local objects, \$1,178. Value of property, \$8,500. Debt, \$1,350, last year, \$1,850. Two students for the ministry. Church papers, 166. A new organ

purchased during the year. There is a "sociable" in one congregation, and a "mite society" in the other, both of which add to their income. The missions progress favorably. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$450. Pastor, J. W. Knappenberger.

Orbisonia Mission, Huntingdon Co.—Under the Board seven years. Three congregations, all now supplied with good substantial church buildings. Members, 98. S. S. S., 88. Baptisms, 1. Additions, 6. Raised for benevolence, \$61. For local objects, \$1,950. Value of church property, \$3,300. The debt on the new church at Shirley is about \$200. It was dedicated last spring amidst general rejoicing, and it has inspired the congregation with new courage, faith and zeal. The mission is making gradual progress spiritually and financially. But it needs a parsonage, and this would be an important step towards its becoming self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year the same. Pastor, C. H. Reiter.

Sulphur Springs Mission, Bedford Co.—Under the Board since 1876. Three congregations. Members, 1,940. Last year, 155 S. S. S. Baptisms, 32. Additions, 50. Losses, 8. Erasures, 35. For benevolence, \$79. For local objects, \$414. Value of property, \$3,000. A small debt of \$75 paid off during the year. The additions during the year were encouraging, but not of such a character as to add materially to the financial strength of the charge. There has been also a general waking up in this field, but much remains to be done. A good beginning has been made, and in the direction of self-support. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$150. Pastor, E. H. Dieffenbacher.

Duncannon.—During the past year an old congregation has been resuscitated and the charge in this way strengthened. Under its new pastor it has been making encouraging progress. The members are active, and are at present engaged in repairing two of the churches, one at Duncannon and the other at Marysville. Congregations, three. Members, 121. S. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms during the year, 8. Additions, 19. Losses, 9. Original cost of property, 4,000. Present value about the same. For benevolence and local objects, \$510. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$175. Pastor, J. R. Lewis.

Shenandoah.—No reports of any kind have been received from this mission during the year, and we have had no means of judging in regard to its progress. We understand that the pastor has left the field and that it is thought that the mission will be self-sustaining after the present year. A new pastor has been secured. Appropriation last year \$300. No appropriation.

St. John's Church, Johnstown.—One congregation. Under the Board three years. Members, 91, last year, 77. S. S. S., 125. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 17. Losses, 7. For local and benevolent objects, \$379.94. Value of property, \$3,000. No debt. A small amount of money in interest to put up a new church in a more central part of the town, as the present building is becoming too small, and not convenient for some persons who would like to attend its services. The mission ought to have a parsonage as soon as possible, and as this would be a long stride towards self-support the attention of the Board of Church Extension of the Synod is directed to it as a matter worthy of attention. Appropriation last year, \$450. This year, \$400. Pastor, W. H. Bates.

St. Luke's, Lancaster.—Organized in Jan. 1879, with 8 members. Members, 59. S. S. S., 225. Baptisms, 13. Additions, 12. Erasures, 12. Contributed for benevolence, \$18.46. Local objects, \$325. Value of property, \$2,850. No debt. Church publications subscribed for, 243. Length of pastorate 3 years and 3 months. One of the original members of the mission, Elder B. F. Bausman, always faithful as a member, and efficient and active as a worker, retires at this time to become pastor of the church at Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The mission regrets his separation, and will miss him very much in its work; yet it rejoices that it can send one so worthy into the active duties of the ministry. The erection of the present chapel was due in a great measure to his energy, combined with that of the first pastor. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300. Pastor, W. F. Lichliter.

Overton, Bradford Co.—Congregations, 3. Members, 160. S. S. S. scholars, 120. Baptisms, 10. Some additions by certificate. Other statistics not given. The congregation at Elkland is at present putting up a new church, 26 by 40 feet, with

a steeple, which is to cost about \$800, for which upwards of \$600 have been secured among the members, which is doing well as they are few and in limited circumstances. The congregation at Overton had resolved to put up another church in the place of the old one during the year, but were not able to agree in regard to the plan, and so the project has been postponed for the present. It has, however, succeeded in purchasing a new organ for the old church, which has been all paid for. The attendance on the means of grace is good, and the mission is making a steady progress. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, C. H. Mutachler.

Latrobe, Westmoreland Co.—Congregations, 2. Members, 140. S. S. scholars, 75. Baptisms, 11. Additions, 18. For benevolence, \$35. Local objects, \$900. Indebtedness, \$1,325. Reduction during the year, \$525. Under the Board five years. The assistance extended to this struggling mission by the Pittsburg Board in reducing its indebtedness has had a good effect and given it a new impulse to strengthen the things that remain. It is advancing towards the point of self-support. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, S. H. Eisenberg.

Sharon, Mercer Co.—This mission tried to become self-supporting during the past year, but the pastor had to make extreme self-denial, and it was necessary that partial relief should be extended to him from the classis. Hereafter he will receive assistance from the Pittsburg Synod. The members of the church made a strenuous effort to pay off a large indebtedness in which they were successful, and hence could not do as much for their pastor as they wished.

New Castle.—The difficulties in this mission referred to in our last report continuing to operate against the pastor's usefulness, he felt it to be his duty to withdraw from the field, his resignation taking effect on the 1st of January last. The mission was supplied with preaching for several months by the Rev. McConnel, under the direction of the Pittsburg Board until a pastor could be secured. He, however, withdrew some time in the spring and since then this mission has been vacant. The effort, however, is still in progress to secure a pastor, which it is hoped will be crowned with success. The property of this mission is worth no less than \$4,000. The debt resting on it is about \$1,000 for half of which provision has been made in the way of pledges or subscriptions. In the absence of a pastor these subscriptions have not been paid, probably because they were not urged. Appropriation, \$450. This year the same. Vacant.

Marietta Mission, Lancaster Co.—As quite a number of German families were willing to connect themselves with this mission, provided they could be supplied with services every two weeks, it became necessary during the year to detach the Maytown congregation from it, so that it might enjoy the exclusive services of a pastor. During the greater part of the year it was vacant, but it was supplied by a committee of Lancaster classis. In the spring it secured a pastor from Seminary, who entered upon his duties on the first of June last. Under the new arrangement the mission has been doing well, and shows an increase of liberality. The Classis assists in the support of the pastor. Organized in 1881. One congregation. Members, 88. S. S. S., 60. Baptisms, 19. Additions, 21. Losses, 18. A union church for different denominations, worth \$3,000. Amount raised for benevolence and local objects, about \$200. Appropriation, \$100. Pastor, D. B. Schneider.

Tionesta, Forrest Co.—The difficulties in this mission referred to in our last report, not having been adjusted, and continuing to operate against the pastor's usefulness, he felt that it would be best for him to leave the field, and accordingly he withdrew at the beginning of the year. This field is worthy of attention, and it is hoped that Providence may open the way at some future day for the location of a Shepherd, who may gather together the Lord's flocks and save them from the attacks of the arch enemy. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$250. Vacant.

Dubois, Clearfield Co.—The pastor in this mission has been active during the past year supplying two of his congregations with suitable church buildings, and in this he has been successful. Both churches are now nearly or quite ready for consecration. In order to secure the means to pay for them it became necessary for him to visit other charges, and to collect from house to house. He met with

encouragement wherever he went. The members of the mission contributed liberally for their circumstances, and it is thought that, if any debt should be incurred, it will not be too onerous for them to bear. Under these circumstances the pastor was not able to devote as much of his time to building up the spiritual interests of the congregation as he could have wished. He hopes, however, that now, as they have houses of their own in which they can worship, his labors among them will be facilitated and be attended with a larger increase. During the year the Classis separated one of the congregations from the mission, so that it might be supplied with German services, but it seems nevertheless, to be stronger at present than it was one year ago. It has been a mission for about a year and-a-half, and it has made an encouraging degree of progress. Congregations, 2. Members, 50. S. S. Scholars, 45. Additions, 8. Benevolence, \$50. Collected in the mission and elsewhere for new churches, \$2,500. Appropriation last year, \$400. This year, \$350. Pastor, D. H. Leader.

Houtzdale, Clearfield Co.—One congregation. Members at present, 42. Two years ago, when the mission was started, there were eighteen members. S. S. S., 25. Baptisms, 9. Additions, 17. Losses, 8. For benevolence, \$14. For local objects, \$1145, which was expended for the erection of a parsonage, which is paid for, for pastor's salary and improvements about the church. The greater part of this amount came from citizens of Houtzdale and vicinity. Present value of church property, \$2000. The cost of the church building, \$400, and of the parsonage, \$800. The mission is making encouraging progress. It should, however, if possible, be connected with one or more outlying mission points; this would assist in making it self-sustaining at an earlier day. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year, \$300. Pastor, C. W. E. Siegel.

Meyersdale Charge, Somerset Co.—Organized in 1881. Congregations, 2. Members, 340. S. S. S., about 160. Baptisms, 3. Additions, 42. Losses, 8. For benevolence, \$208 20. For congregational purposes, \$2280. Value of property, \$3000. Debt, \$70, to be paid yet this fall. Reduction of indebtedness, about \$1400. Probably self-supporting in the course of another year. Appropriation last year, \$175. This year, \$120. Pastor, J. M. Schick.

Will's Creek Mission, Somerset Co.—Under the Board since Oct. 1, 1881. Four congregations. Members, 217. Sunday Schools, 3. Scholars, 125. Baptisms, 22. Additions, 17. Losses 6. Benevolent contributions, \$80. Congregational purposes, \$424. Indebtedness, \$450. Two of the congregations supplied themselves with organs during the year. This charge is spread over a large extent of territory, mostly in mountainous districts; the labors of the missionary are arduous, but such sections of country are generally less abundantly supplied with the means of grace, and the people to that extent usually appreciate their privileges. As the mission grows, it ought to be divided, or some new arrangement made in the contiguous charges. Appropriation last year, \$140. This year, \$115. Pastor, S. T. Wagner.

McKeesport Mission.—This mission, started a little over one year ago, consists of two congregations, one at McKeesport and the other at Turtle Creek, in Allegheny Co., both of which were organized in October last. Members, 71. Baptisms, 10. Additions, 30. Losses, 7. The pastor has been punctual in filling all his appointments, but he has been under the necessity of devoting a large portion of his time to the work of securing the means for the erection of churches for his congregation. Thus far he has secured enough money to buy a lot and to erect a church at Turtle Creek without any debt, and the corner-stone has just recently been laid. He has a balance in hand for the church at McKeesport, but as he has already canvassed the charges which were opened to him, he desires the Board to assist him, in some way in obtaining additional funds to erect a second church at McKeesport, during the coming year. The Board allows him to go forward and collect money wherever the people are willing to give. The mission is making encouraging progress—greater than was expected when it was commenced. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$500. Pastor, H. D. Darbaker.

Trinity Mission, Scottdale, Westmoreland Co.—After our last annual report of this mission was rendered it seemed to be making favorable progress for the first

six months, when the pastor withdrew irregularly to another denomination. Since then the mission has been vacant. The statistical report may therefore not be quite complete. One congregation. Members reported last year, 60. 8. & Scholars this year, 48. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 5. Contributions for benevolence, \$17. For local objects as far as ascertained, about \$500. Value of property, \$4350. The church underwent some repairs, costing \$350, which were paid for. The Board condemn the irregular conduct of this missionary. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Vacant.

Mercer Mission.—This is a new mission, consisting of two congregations, located in the south-eastern part of Mercer County, with some 70 or 80 members. The Rev. J. J. Pennepacker took charge of it on the first of January last, and in his last quarterly report dated, June 30th, he spoke favorably of its progress and prospects. He had just held his communion, and some who had become estranged from the church took their place at the Lord's table. One member had been received by baptism, one by confirmation, one by renewal of profession, and several infants were baptized. New church officers had been elected and installed; the Sunday-schools had both been opened, with 25 scholars in the one, and 50 in the other; the attendance at worship and the benevolence of the people were both improving; and generally things in the mission were working regularly and harmoniously. But soon after this report was written Brother Pennepacker was overtaken with a severe affliction in his head, resulting in partial paralysis, which may incapacitate him from further pastoral labors for some time to come. He is entitled to our deepest sympathies and our earnest prayers, that his life and usefulness may be spared to the church. Appropriation, \$100. Pastor, J. J. Pennepacker.

St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Reading.—For some time past a movement has been on foot to establish an English mission in the northern part of the city of Reading, which move has the prospect of being successful. The members of Reformed churches in the city purchased the ground for a church, and on the first Sunday in September the corner-stone of the new building was laid. The building is to be of brick, 35 by 75 feet and is to be handsomely arranged in the interior. All the expenses are to be paid by the Reading churches. The Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard has been commissioned to take charge of this new interest, and Providence permitting, will enter upon this new field of labor about the beginning of November. There is room for more Reformed churches in Reading, as her population is increasing rapidly, and Reformed people are constantly moving into the city from the country. With Mr. Gerhard's pastoral experience and ability as a preacher, it will not be long, it is believed, before this new movement results in a flourishing and useful church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The larger portion of the salary needed for the support of the pastor will be raised by the Reading churches. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, Calvin S. Gerhard.

VIRGINIA.

Winchester.—Congregations, 2; members, 112; Sunday-school scholars, 50; baptisms, 7; additions, 9; losses, 5; for benevolence, \$20; for congregational purposes, \$420; value of church property, \$5,000; indebtedness, \$500. In the month of August the corner stone of St. Paul's Reformed chapel, five and a half miles from Winchester, was laid, and the occasion was said to be of a very interesting character. The building will be dedicated in November, most probably without any debt. It is believed that a flourishing congregation will be the result of this undertaking. It begins with from 15 to 20 members, which it is thought will steadily increase. Another chapel will probably be erected in this field during the coming year, which will help also to strengthen the charge. Appropriation last year, \$250; this year, \$250. Pastor, A. R. Kremer.

Middlebrook, Augusta Co.—Organized in 1882. Congregations, 2. Members, 75. Baptisms, 20. Sunday-schools, 130. Additions, 23. Losses, —. For benevolence, \$40. For local objects, \$300. Value of property, \$2,800. Indebtedness, \$300. Progress encouraging. About to erect a parsonage. In addition to the two congregations served by the missionary, he has two preaching points, where the attendance is always large. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, S. L. Whitmore.

Mint Spring Mission.—Organized in 1882. Supplied with a pastor for the first time in the month of March last. Members, 134. Sunday-school scholars, 60. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 5. Losses, 2. Value of property, \$3,500. Indebtedness, about \$210. Contributed for pastor's salary and benevolence thus far, \$85. The mission consists at present of only one congregation, the St. John's church, near Middlebrook. No congregation has as yet been organized at the Mint Spring Church, which was put up and nearly or quite paid for a few years ago. It is expected however, that a congregation will be formed at this latter point at no distant day. When this is once effected the way will be open to make the charge self-supporting. The mission has been fortunate in securing the services of an efficient pastor, and it devolves on the members to co-operate with him in carrying forward the interests of Christ's kingdom to a successful issue. Appropriation, \$150. Pastor, E. Welty, M. D.

Milk Creek Mission, Rockingham Co., Va.—A new mission, organized one year ago, with two congregations. Members, 96. Sunday-school scholars, over 100. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 7. Losses, 2. For benevolence, \$50. For local objects, \$700. Value of property, \$4,500. Present indebtedness, \$250. Reduction of indebtedness, \$450. A parsonage is in process of erection at Mt. Jackson, and as soon as this is finished, which will be the case in a few months, an effort will be made to put up a chapel near by, when a new congregation will be organized. The ground for this purpose has been secured. The pastor preaches at two mission points, where he is meeting with encouragement. In Grace church, his principal congregation, he has a class of thirty catechumens under instruction, many of whom will soon be ready for admission into the church. The pastor is encouraged by the cordial co-operation of his members, who show a disposition to assist him in making the charge self-sustaining at no distant day. Appropriation, \$150. This year, the same. Pastor, Geo. A. Whitmore.

Timberville Mission, Rockingham Co., Va.—Organized, Oct., 1882. Served by the present pastor since the beginning of June last. Two congregations. Members, about 90. Sunday-school scholars, 30. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 1. One church building in the country, worth \$1,000. The church building at Timberville commenced three years ago, is now under roof, and is to be finished yet this fall, without any debt, as is expected. The missionary expects to establish preaching points contiguous to his present field, wherever it is deemed advisable, so as to strengthen his charge. The salary is \$300, of which one hundred is pledged by the Board. Appropriation, \$100. Pastor, C. W. Summey.

Harrisville Mission.—Two congregations, the St. John's and the St. Stephen's, having been separated from the Woodstock charge by the Classis of Virginia at its late meeting, were formed into separate charges and placed under the care of the Board as a mission, the Classis agreeing to assist in the support of a pastor, provided the Board would make a small appropriation. To this the Board agreed; but thus far no pastor has been secured to take charge of it. Appropriation, \$50.

Roanoke.—Efforts were made during the year to establish a mission at this place. The Classis of Virginia obligated themselves to raise \$300 for the support of a missionary, and the Board agreed to make an appropriation of \$300 additional from its treasury for the same purpose. A competent person had agreed to take charge of the mission, but his Classis would not allow him to leave his present charge, and thus the Board and the Classis were both defeated for the present in their efforts to supply this field with a missionary, which is a matter of deep regret. It is a field that ought to be occupied by our church at an early day. Appropriation, \$300. Vacant.

St. Johns, Wyoming, Kent Co.—This mission has been gaining ground, but the pastor, Rev. N. J. Miller, on account of continued ill health, felt compelled to withdraw from the field, and his resignation took effect on the 1st of July last. Since then it has been visited by the Superintendent and the pulpit supplied by other brethren. Arrangements are being made to secure a suitable pastor, and the prospects now are that the effort will be crowned with success. It is thought desirable that he should officiate in the German language, to some extent, as that seems necessary in order that the foreign Germans, on the Peninsula, who are growing in numbers, may be supplied with the means of grace. This will help

to strengthen the Mission. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Vacant.

Cumberland.—Members, 160. Sunday-School scholars, 100. Baptisms, 27. Additions, 28; Losses 34. For benevolence, \$10. For local objects, \$750. Value of property, \$2,000. Reduction thus far, \$250, but more has been subscribed for this purpose. Church papers, 55. Attendance good. Progress slow, but sure. Difficulties, Church debt, and immigration. A Mission since 1867. Length of present pastorate, nine years. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$ Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

East Baltimore.—(Owing to various causes no further progress was made during the year in the establishment of this Mission.

Ridgeley, Caroline Co.—When we made our last annual report of this mission, the pastor, Rev. Joseph Hannaberry, was suffering from ill health. He preached occasionally, but continued to grow worse until the month of March, when he gently fell asleep in Christ and rested from his labors here on earth. He was faithful as a minister of the Gospel, and performed a useful work for the Church on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. His memory will be held in grateful remembrance by those whom he served in holy things. The Mission was supplied with preaching from time to time by the Superintendent. A short time ago the Rev. Charles W. Levan, licentiate, was elected by the Mission and commissioned by the board as missionary pastor. He enters upon his duties under encouraging prospects. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, Charles W. Levan.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Concord, Cabarrus Co.—After the Rev. Mr. Gurley withdrew from this field the Mission was placed under the care of the Rev. Paul Barringer, who has been serving it as missionary in connection with other congregations in the surrounding country. He reports that it has been strengthened by the addition of several families that have moved into the town from the country, and that the membership are in good spirits, anxious to build up and establish the church. They are very much in need of a church building, but they are limited in their means, and are compelled to ask assistance from abroad. A suitable building could be secured for \$800 or \$1000. With help from the church building fund they would be willing to undertake to build or purchase a house for their use. They all feel that a pastor should be placed over them as soon as possible, who may give them all of his time and attention. Appropriation, last year \$50. This year, \$50. Pastor, Paul Barringer.

Lincolnton.—During the past year Mr. Foil has continued holding services at this place, once a month, (in connection with his other duties) which have been well attended, not only by the few resident members, but also by the outside community. The mission owns a good church building and has a nucleus of good members, which under proper care and attention ought to grow into a prosperous congregation. It deserves the attention of the Board and Classis. Appropriation, last year, \$50. This year \$50. Pastor, John A. Foil.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. I

Washington.—This mission has been making a steady advance during the year. The additions to the congregations were four, all of whom were heads of families. Twelve children were baptized. Catechetical instruction has been held weekly, the class numbering eight members, who, however, were still too young for confirmation. Although the members live at considerable distances from the church, the attendance on the Lord's Day's Services has been good. The Missionary Service is held on the first Sunday of each month, which proves itself profitable in a spiritual sense and edifying to the congregation. There are about forty scholars in the Sunday School. Some of the children of the congregation live too far from the chapel to attend school, but these are instructed at home. As the Mission and pastor become known, its friends are gradually increasing. The pastor has worked hard in the Mission, and the evidences are showing themselves that his labors have not been in vain in the Lord, nor the prayers of the churches for its

prosperity been unanswered. Appropriation last year, \$600. This year the same. Pastor, C. F. Sontag.

NEW YORK.

German Evangelical St. Paul's Reformed Church.—Under the care of the Board of the Eastern German Synod, but assisted in part by this Board. The Mission is making encouraging progress, and the pastor is putting forth vigorous efforts, in season and out of season, to build up and establish the congregation in the true faith. No statistical report. Appropriation, \$150. Pastor, F. Fox.

KANSAS.

St. Paul's Church, Emporia.—The Rev. D. B. Shuey, who was commissioned to labor as missionary at Emporia, and to serve as Missionary Superintendent under the Board in Kansas, did not arrive on the ground until the latter part of April last. He found that it was necessary to remain a longer time in the East, in order to raise the necessary funds to place the mission at Emporia on a more permanent basis. In all he collected over \$2600; \$700 of this was used to remove a debt on the church, and the rest to pay his traveling expenses and to erect a parsonage during the coming year. Thus far he has devoted about half of his time to the congregation at Emporia, and the other half to explorations and preaching at other places. He has been preaching regularly every six weeks at Iola, Allen Co., about 60 miles distant from Emporia. Here he organized a congregation on the last Sunday in July with eleven members, baptized the children, and made thorough pastoral visitation. This is a promising point and should be supplied with a pastor by next spring. A single man would suit best. He preaches also regularly every six weeks at Abilene, 86 miles from Emporia. He found about 40 persons, who ought to be in the Reformed Church. At his last visit, he announced that when he came again he would proceed to organize a new congregation. For the erection of a church he procured two desirable lots in the centre of the town, the donation of Mrs. Nicolai, the widow of the late Rev. J. A. Nicolai. Although belonging to another denomination, she is willing to enter the new organization, and makes the donation of these lots in memory of her deceased husband. Mr. Shuey has also visited other places, and among the rest Kansas City in Missouri, where he says the prospects of establishing a mission are quite encouraging. He has preached there once and expects to preach there again, and thinks that an organization might be formed with from 25 to 30 members. He was encouraged to start an enterprise in the upper part of the city, where there are few churches, by outsiders no less than by members of our own church. A first class man would be required to take hold of this interest, and although it would be expensive to the church, it would pay in the end. Two congregations at present in the mission. Members, 31. Two Sunday schools with 70 scholars. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 14. Value of property, \$3,000. Only a small amount this year has been given for benevolence and pastor's salary. Appropriation, \$500. This year the same. Pastor, D. B. Shuey.

Wichita.—The Rev. I. G. Brown having been commissioned to labor as missionary in south-eastern Kansas, moved with his family to Wichita in April last. He found a number of Reformed people from Union Co., Pa., at Marshall, eighteen miles distant from Wichita, and preaching to them several times and administering to them the communion, he organized them into a congregation, numbering some fifteen or twenty members. A railroad company just about to establish a new road running near Marshall, have donated to the congregation two lots, both together measuring 100 by 140 feet, on condition that a building is put up on the ground within one year. This they intend to do at once. They expect to erect a respectable chapel first, facing one street, and reserve space for the erection of a large church in the future on the other street. It will be situated in a new town called Cheney, quite near Marshall, which has sprung up suddenly in consequence of the location of the new railroad, and is expected to be the principal business centre. Members of our church are settling at Wichita, and the prospects now are that during the coming year they will be organized into a congregation. The missionary reports that his hands are full with the work required of him at W. and Marshall, and that if more laborers were in the fields, congregations might

be organized in many others of the new towns that are constantly springing up. He says that the climate is healthy, and that the crops this year have been abundant. Appropriation for the first year, \$500. Pastor, I. G. Brown.

NEBRASKA.

Lincoln.—During the year one missionary, Mr. Erb, removed from Union further east to Lincoln, the capital of the State, where the population is more dense. This change he thought desirable, as it enabled him to meet his appointment, with less travel and expense. He was also under the impression that the Board would send out another missionary to assist him in his large field, in which he was very much to our regret disappointed. His sphere of labor has in this year been somewhat changed from what it was last year. He has at present two regular organized congregations, one at Fairview, in Saunders Co., 23 miles from Lincoln, and another at Ithica, both of which promise well for the future. He also preaches in a school six miles north of Palmyra, and also at North Auburn, where he finds members whom he is trying to organize into congregations. At the latter place a lady of our church died several years ago and left a farm of 80 acres to the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf. She also willed two lots for a church in the town. Here a church ought to be built to carry out her pious wishes. In Lincoln there is a nucleus sufficiently large to be organized into a church, but it would not be wise to do so, unless some competent person can be secured to take charge of it, as Mr. Erb's time is so occupied that he could not give it proper attention. Another missionary should be sent to Nebraska at an early day. Two congregations in the mission with 29 members and two regular preaching points, where congregations are to be organized in the future. No church property. Contributed for benevolence, \$10.35. For pastor's salary, \$150, which was supplemented last winter by a missionary box from the East with about \$100. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300. Pastor, Edmund Erb.

CALIFORNIA.

First Reformed Church, San Francisco.—Some time ago the Rev. D. E. Schoedler was commissioned to go to California as Missionary and Missionary Superintendent, to take charge of our Missionary interests in that state. We are happy now to be able to state that he has seen his way clear to accept of this call. Soon after his appointment the First Reformed Church in San Francisco became vacant by the resignation of its pastor, the Rev. Julius Fuendeling, and the consistory of the Church made an earnest appeal to the Board to supply it with a pastor and extend to it financial help. Accordingly it was taken under the care of the Board, and Rev. Schoedler was commissioned to take charge of it. This congregation was started as a mission under the care of the Board some ten or twelve years ago, and for a number of years it received an appropriation for the support of its pastor. But when Mr. Fuendeling took charge of it some five years ago, it agreed to support its own pastor, and since then it has been sustaining itself. But it has all along been laboring under considerable debt, which, with its increased exertions to support its pastor, it has not been able to diminish. In these circumstances it is the desire of the Board to assist the congregation in liquidating its present indebtedness, and in this way place it upon a better foundation. Accordingly, Mr. Schoedler, taking a proper view of the situation, proposes with the approbation of the Board, before he goes to California, to call on the Churches in the East for their assistance in carrying forward our missionary work in California, and to help in paying off this indebtedness. If they pay a part, the congregation will be expected to pay the rest. This seems right and proper, and it is hoped that Brother Schoedler will meet with encouragement in his mission wherever he presents its claims. Appropriation not fixed. Pastor, D. E. Schoedler.

Alameda.—The Rev. C. Hartman, pastor, labored in this mission about six months, when his increasing physical infirmities induced him a second time to hand in his resignation to the Board, which, under the circumstances, was accepted. Since last Spring the mission has, therefore, been vacant, but it has been supplied occasionally by members of Classis. As the Board has in contemplation the reconstruction of its missionary work in California, it will endeavor to pro-

vide for the wants of this mission at as early a day as possible. No statistics. Appropriation last year, \$400. Vacant.

Stockton.—The suit-at-law referred to in our last report resulted favorably to the mission. The court decided that the property, including a church building and parsonage, worth over \$6,000, belonged to the Reformed Church. After the trial was over, the pastor desired to withdraw from the mission, but the Board requested him to remain until a successor could be secured, and he is, therefore, still in the field. The controversy was an unfortunate one, and did much harm, no doubt, to the cause of religion. It may require years before the bitterness which it engendered among the Germans in Stockton shall have passed away, and this will probably continue for some time to be an obstruction in the way of the progress of the work. It is proper to say that the Reformed people and pastor acted generously with the defeated party, who, however, did not reciprocate their kindness, but are still holding possession of the parsonage by mere violence, and suit has been entered for its possession. No statistics. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300. Pastor, Eugene De Geller.

Salem's Church, Napa.—This Church has been making a gradual progress during the past. Recently it succeeded in paying off one half of its indebtedness, which was \$500, by a single effort, and during the year it will try to pay the balance. The pastor has been preaching to some extent at other points outside of Napa, but as the expense has been larger than the income from such trips, he says that he is compelled to do less work of this kind in the future, unless his salary can in some way be increased. He has the sympathies of the German people, and his services are well received. Appropriation, \$100. Pastor, George Maechtersheimer.

OREGON.

East Portland.—For several years past a Sunday School has been held among the Germans in East Portland, and this was followed by occasional preaching in the same place. As this was a new and promising field for missionary labor, the Rev. Professor Richard Schiedt was commissioned to take charge of it, and to assist Dr. Gantenbein in supplying such places as Astoria, Oak Point and other points near Portland with preaching. His services have been much appreciated in all these places, and the good resulting from this extension of missionary labor in a field like this, cannot fail to show itself at no distant day. In connection with Dr. Gantenbein he takes part in the instruction of this school, established by the Classis, for which he is well qualified, and in which he, with his colleagues, are doing a good work for the community and our church in the future of Oregon. No statistics. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, Richard Schiedt.

West Union, Washington Co.—Members this year, 27. Last year, 17. Catechization held during the year, but the catechumens were too young for confirmation, and the additions were made from the outside. S. S. scholars, 15. Baptisms, 10. Owing to their circumstances, the people were able to contribute only \$60 for pastor's salary. Last year it was \$50. He is inadequately supported. During the fall his congregation intend to erect for him a parsonage, which will be the means of giving him some relief. He makes missionary trips outside of his particular field; seeks out new emigrants who are crowding into the country, and tries to direct their attention to heavenly things. His visits during the past year have been made more profitable by his being able to distribute religious tracts in his visits, with which he was supplied by the thoughtfulness of a Christian friend. He could distribute many more with good effect if he had another supply. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, H. Stauss.

Stafford, Clackamas Co.—As intimated in our last report, pastor Lange withdrew from this field during the year and made a visit to Germany for the purpose of recruiting his broken down health. His place was filled by the Rev. Gottfried Graedel, from St. Chrischona Pilger Missions-Institute at Basel, Switzerland, who has been supplying the congregations at Tualatin, Damascus, Sandy, and Waldo Hills. They are small, but appreciate the means of grace and encourage their pastor in his work. As it was found necessary that pastor Ewald should go to Seattle and take charge of that interest, pastor Graedel has assisted in attending

to his congregations during the vacancy. His people are about erecting for him a parsonage, and this, it is said, will help to make the charge self-sustaining. No statistics have been given. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$160. Pastor, Gott. Graedel.

Salem.—Members, between 60 and 70. Baptism, 8. Additions 25. Property worth at present from \$3500 to \$4000. Indebtedness, \$1000, bearing interest at 9 per cent. Paid for church and parsonage during the year \$1300, of which \$1000 was raised in Salem. The \$250 received from the Church building fund in the East was thankfully received. The Mission needs further help from the same quarter in order that it may meet the instalments on the church debt as they become due. The pastor continues to preach in other places besides Salem, at Albany, Mehamah, and at Washongal, where he recently organized a congregation of 16 members. The missionary in his many labors was much encouraged by the reception of a missionary box from the East, which was thankfully received and applied to proper purposes. Appropriation, last year, \$200. This year, the same. Pastor, J. Muellhaupt.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Seattle.—Pastor Kreuter labored in this Mission during a part of the year with diligence and efficiency as the missionary and evangelist, but difficulties having sprung up in the congregation, which he, with his inexperience as a stranger, found it impossible to surmount, accordingly he withdrew from the field. His place has been supplied in accordance with the advice of Dr. Gantenbein Missionary Superintendent, by Rev. F. Ewald, for the present. As he is a very competent person to take charge of this field, the Board hopes that he will remain in it. Appropriation, last year \$200. This year \$200. Pastor, F. Ewald.

IOWA.

The Superintendent of Missions in the Iowa Classis, Rev. D. S. Fouse, reports that only two missions in the Classis have been receiving aid during the past year. All the others, mentioned in last year's report have been provided for in some other way, so that they did not need assistance, by supplies or by the reconstruction of charges. One not here named may need assistance during the coming year. The Superintendent urges the importance of establishing a new mission at Des Moines, the capital of Iowa, without delay, and the Board feeling the great importance of providing for our members locating in that place, will establish a Mission there as soon as a suitable person can be secured to take hold of it.

Beaman Mission, Grundy Co.—Organized two years ago. Two congregations, Grace and St. Paul's. Members, 37. Sunday-school scholars, 104. Baptisms, 104. Additions, 7. No losses. Value of property, \$2,000. For benevolence, \$75. For congregational purposes, \$1,100. Only one church, St. Paul's still worships in a school-house. There are Sunday-schools and missionary societies in both congregations. The members, many of them from the East, are few, but liberal for their circumstances. There are good prospects of establishing another congregation at a new point in this field, where a number of Reformed families settled last spring. The missionary is at present supplying them with preaching. Appropriations last year, \$250. This year, \$290. Pastor, H. Bair.

Pleasant Valley Mission.—This mission has been doing well during the year. No statistical report rendered. Appropriation last year, \$125. This year the same. Pastor, D. P. Lefever.

URSINUS UNION.

From the Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer of the Ursinus Union, we learn that during the past year he has received \$913.86 for missions, which amount was used for the support of one missionary under the care of the

Board, and the balance has been paid into the treasuries of other missionary Boards of the church.

SUMMARY.

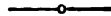
Number of missions.....	56
Members in the missions.....	4881
Baptisms during the year.....	646
Additions	677
Sunday School Scholars.....	3655
Amount collected for benevolence.....	\$1614
Amount collected for local objects.....	\$26,980
Estimated value of property.....	\$186,350
Indebtedness.....	\$26,405
Reduction of indebtedness.....	\$8,190

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From the Treasurer's report it appears that, up to the annual meeting of the Board (the account not being closed,) the income during the year for missions was \$15,378.21; for missions in Kansas, collected by Rev. D. B. Shuey, over \$2600; for Washington mission, \$679.70; and for the Church Building Fund, \$620. Whole amount, \$19,277.42. Considerable sums of money were also collected for church building purposes by individual missionaries, which are reported in other places. The amount shows an increase in the income of previous years, and is the largest that has yet been contributed by the three Eastern Synods. The whole increase over the income of last year is between \$5000 and +6000.

For the coming year the Board will need \$17,500 in order to meet current expenses, for which we recommend that the Synods raise the following amounts:

The Synod of the United States.....	\$9,500
The Synod of the Potomac.....	4,500
The Synod of Pittsburgh.....	3,500



From the report given above it will appear that the past year has been one of more than usual prosperity in the missionary work of the church, for which we are bound to give thanks to Almighty God, who by His Spirit works in us both to will and do of His own good pleasure.

The following action was adopted by the Board at its recent meeting at Lancaster, which was ordered to be embodied in this report:

WHEREAS, The Board of Home Missions of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States was organized in the year 1824, and, whereas, the Lord has greatly blessed the work during its entire history, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board suggests to the three Synods the propriety of celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the Missionary Board, and asks of the Synods to instruct the Classes within their bounds, when, and in what manner, to observe the anniversary, to make the occasion both interesting and profitable to the church generally.

Respectfully Submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Superintendent.*

Lancaster, Sept. 18, 1883.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States :

I beg leave to present to you the subjoined report of the finances of the Board for the fiscal year ending September 24, 1883; and am happy to state that the Church seems to be gradually awakened to a sense of her duty as indicated by the handsome increase of more than \$3300, in the amount contributed during the year for the Missions under the care of the Board.

Contributions as follows were received during the year, viz :

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia	\$283.43	
" Tobickon	950.78	
" Goshenhoppen	1222.45	
" East Pennsylvania	826.73	
" Lebanon	1814.29	
" Lancaster	890.16	
" East Susquehanna	569.49	
" West Susquehanna	796.40	
" Lehigh	468.85	
Total from the Synod of the United States		\$7,272.58

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Zion	\$419.24	
" Maryland	1442.02	
" Mercersburg	1862.28	
" Virginia	253.73	
" San Francisco	15 00	
" North Carolina	123.96	
" Gettysburg	110.50	
" Iowa	282.00	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac		\$4,008.68

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Somerset	\$52.80	
" Clarion	19.00	
From Treasurer of Synod	3,618.75	
Total from the Synod of Pittsburgh		\$3,690.55

Miscellaneous Sources.

From Locke Legacy (loaned out)	\$500.00	
" " (interest)	188.00	
" other Legacies "	26.22	
" Miller Legacy	95.00	
" German Evang. Reformed St. Paul's Church, N. Y.	15.00	
" First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.	2.84	
" Miss Kate Eiler	50	
" Miss. Societies of the Ref. Churches of Tiffin, O.	11.00	
" Rev. E. Erb, Neb.	3.65	
" Emporia, Kana. Mission	7.00	
" Loan	1,000.00	
" Balance in Treasury, September 19, 1882	894.29	
Total from these sources		\$2,198.50
Total from all sources		\$17,165.81

Disbursements.

Locke Legacy (loaned on note)	\$500.00
Paid orders of the Board during the year by the Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod and the Treasurer of the Board	14,957.44
Balance in the Treasury, September 24, 1883	1,707.87
	\$17,165.31

We certify that we have this day audited the foregoing account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, and found it correct, and a balance of seventeen hundred and seven dollars and eighty-seven cents in the Treasury.

Witness our hands at Harrisburg, this 20th day of September, 1883.

W. H. H. SNYDER,

GEO. Z. KUNKLE,

Committee of Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

William H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with the Church Extension Fund of the Board:

DR.

Received during the year, viz:

From Classis of Lancaster	\$54.25
" " Lebanon	44.00
" " Lehigh	8.56
" " Tohickon	8.00
" " Goshenhoppen	50.00
" " Philadelphia	89.36
" " East Pennsylvania	80.00
" " West Susquehanna	5.50
" " Somerset	57.00
" " Mercersburg	52.43
" " Maryland	151.72
" " Gettysburg	45.62
" " Zion's	28.00
" " Virginia	15.00
" " St. Paul's	15.56
" Treasurer of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Reformed Church of Dakota, Ill.	20.00
Total	\$620.00

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Paid during the year as follows, viz:

To Rev. J. Mülhaupt, Salem, Oregon	\$190.00
To Rev. F. Ewald, St. Peter's Church, Oregon	50.00
To Rev. A. R. Holshauser, Reformed Church, Lyons, Kan.	15.00
To Rev. D. B. Shuey, Emporia, Kans.	108.00
To Rev. J. Gantenbein, E. Portland, Oregon	28.00
To Rev. D. H. Leader for Reformed Church, Du Bois, Pa.	14.81
Drafts and Money Orders	60
To Balance in Treasury, September 24, 1883	213.59
	\$620.00

We, the undersigned, auditors, certify that the above account is correct, and a balance of two hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty-nine cents in the Treasurer's hands.

Witness our hands, this 25th day of September, 1883.

W. H. H. SNYDER,
GEO. Z. KUNKLE,
Committee of Auditors.

In addition to the amounts contributed by the several Classes as per foregoing statement the Rev. D. B. Shuey collected the sum of \$2689.80 for the Mission at Emporia, Kansas, which would swell the total amount paid for Church Extension during the year to \$3209.80. This is certainly a very gratifying beginning and calculated to rejoice the hearts of all who love to see the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with the Washington Mission Fund of the Board:

DR.

Received during the year, viz:	
From Maryland Classis	\$586.75
" Zion's "	20.00
" Mercersburg "	53.55
" Carlisle "	18.50
" Tohickon "	31.26
" Lancaster "	7.00
" West Susq. "	12.00
" East " "	4.50
" St. Paul's "	10.00
	\$741.56
Balance in Treasury at date of last report	222.73
	\$964.29
Paid out during the year	898.08
Balance in the Treasury Sept. 24, 1882	\$66.26

We, the undersigned, Auditors appointed certify that the above account was audited by us and found correct, and a balance of Sixty-six dollars and twenty-six cents in the Treasurer's hands.

Witness our hand at Harrisburg, Pa., this 24th day September, 1883.

W. H. H. SNYDER,
GEO. Z. KUNKLE,
Committee of Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

IV. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following paper was received from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions and referred to the Committee on Missions :

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S. convened at Reading, Pa :

Dear Fathers and Brethren : The Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States would respectfully call your attention to the mission work which has been inaugurated in the Empire of Japan.

Since the last session of your venerable body, Rev. J. P. Moore and his wife have been elected and commissioned as missionaries, and sailed from San Francisco September 4th, for Japan. Although not officially advised, we have no doubt but that they arrived in safety, and are now in the field.

The Board rented a suitable dwelling in the foreign concession of the city of Tokio, which was providentially offered by a missionary who expects to be absent for a term of years.

The school-house which was purchased by the board in the city of Tokio, near Nihon Bashi, the central bridge of Japan, from which all distances in the empire are measured, serves a double purpose. It is occupied as a day school through the week, and as a preaching place on Sunday.

The Rev. A. D. Gring has performed a good work in the acquisition of the language, and in preparing an edition of the Heidelberg Catechism in the colloquial language which is now in process of publication. He has also prepared a work which will enable students to save at least a year in acquiring the language. He is thus fully qualified to render valuable services to the general missionary cause.

He has 60 pupils at present in the day school, and a number collected in the Sunday School where he instructs them in the Heidelberg catechism. His audiences on Sunday vary in number, but there are individual cases of much interest, and the probability is that in the near future, with the assistance of Brother Moore and his wife there will be results which shall be cheering to the Church.

The Mission needs a reinforcement of Lady Missionaries, in order that it may exert a proper influence, and insure success among the female portion of the community. Three Ladies of the Church have offered their services for this work, and are ready to go whenever the funds shall be furnished.

An appeal has been made by the Board to the Ladies of the Church to organize for that purpose.

The Board also feels the necessity of having a special fund for building chapels and school-houses. In view, therefore, of the increasing importance of our foreign mission, and the corresponding increase of expense necessary to sustain it, also in view of the work to be performed, which will require more laborers as the way opens before us, it is important that the co-operation of the Church be secured, so that the funds essential be obtained.

We commend to your consideration this promising field of missionary work, and ask your endorsement and help that our Church may verify her divine mission and plant her standards in the regions beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Board,

THOS. S. JOHNSTON, *Secretary.*

V. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The following report was received from the Committee on Missions, which was considered item by item and adopted.

Report of Standing Committee on Missions:

Your Committee beg leave respectfully to report that the following named documents have been placed in their hands.

1. A brief communication from the President of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions transmitting the report of the other officers.
2. The sixth annual report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.
3. An additional report of the Treasurer on the financial condition of the Washington (D. C.) Mission.
4. A report from the above named Treasurer in relation to the Church Extension Fund.
5. The printed annual report of the Superintendent of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.
6. A communication from the Secretary of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions requesting this body to instruct the various classes to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the organization of the Board of Home Missions during the year 1884.
7. A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

I. Home Missions.

The Superintendent of the Tri-Synodic Board, as he has done in former years, again presents a detailed report of the various missions under its care, with statistics in full of membership, scholars in the Sunday School, value of property, amount of appropriation, &c., from which we learn that the Board has in charge fifty-six stations, one more than it reported last year, thirty-four of which are in Pennsylvania, and the others scattered through the various States reaching even to the Pacific coast.

General prosperity seems to have attended the labors of the missionaries, and the Board has been enabled by a favoring Providence to provide them an average support.

We learn from the Treasurer's report that he has received the following amounts during the last fiscal year: From the Synod of the United States, \$7,272 58; from the Synod of the Potomac, \$4,008 68; from the Synod of Pittsburgh, \$3,690 65; and from miscellaneous sources, \$2,198 50. Total receipts for the year \$17,165 81. The whole amount disbursed per order of the Board was \$14,957 44, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$1,707 87. This statement shows an increase of \$8,300 over the receipts of the previous year.

The receipts for the Washington (D. C.) Mission for the year amounted to \$741 56, which added to a balance left in the Treasury from last year swelled the sum total to \$964 29; of this amount \$898 03 was paid to the mission, leaving a balance in this department of the Treasury of \$66 26.

It is also added that the contributions to the Church Extension Fund for the year amount to \$620, coming jointly from the three Synods, \$408 41 of which has been disbursed, leaving a balance of \$218 59 in the Treasury.

In order to carry forward the work of the Board another year \$17,500 will be required, of which this Synod is asked to contribute \$9,500, which has been apportioned among the various Classes as follows:

East Pennsylvania.. . . .	\$1,142 26
Philadelphia	561 06

Lebanon	2,421 18
Lancaster	646 02
East Susquehanna	1,284 84
West Susquehanna	697 08
Goshenhoppen	1,020 42
Tohickon	1,024 74
Lehigh	1,509 84

It should also be stated that Ursinus Union, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D.D., Treasurer, has received \$918 86 for missions during the year, which amount was used for the support of one missionary, in part, and the balance has been paid into the treasuries of other missionary boards of the Church.

Taken as a whole, your Committee regard the year's work as encouraging, and in view of the requests made for the incoming year, presents the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we return thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the prosperity which has attended the Home Mission work within our borders during the past year.

Resolved, That the various Classes within our jurisdiction be and hereby are urged to make up any arrearages which there may be in their contributions for the past year, and also they are earnestly requested to meet the apportionments for the coming year at as early a date as practicable.

In view of the fact that the year 1884 will be the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the Home Mission Board, in which, as suggested by the officers of the Board, it will be proper to note the event by suitable anniversary services; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend to the various missionary conventions to be held by the different Classes during the year that they introduce this subject as one of the topics in their programmes, and appoint speakers to discuss it, as may seem best to them in view of the important interests involved.

II. Foreign Missions.

Under this head your Committee has received but one document, a letter from Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, giving us the information that Rev. J. P. Moore and wife sailed from San Francisco on the 4th of September ult., for the purpose of joining Rev. A. D. Gring and wife in their field of labor in Tokio, Japan. The letter also mentions the fact that the day school, and preaching services on the Sabbath are continued by our Missionary, Rev. A. D. Gring, in the property already secured near the central bridge in Tokio. The missionary has also translated the Heidelberg Catechism into the Japanese vernacular, and also has prepared a manual for those desiring to learn this difficult language. The letter also alludes to the fact that an appeal has come from the missionaries to the ladies of the Reformed Church exhorting them to send forth one of their own sex to labor among the heathen women in Japan. In view of these statements we recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we are grateful to the Great Head of the Church that He has now opened the way for the Reformed Church to coöperate in the glorious work of carrying the Gospel message to the perishing heathen.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the statement that one of our own number, Rev. J. P. Moore, with his wife, has consecrated himself to the work of the Church in the foreign field.

Resolved, That we urge all our Classes and congregations to contribute systematically to the cause of Foreign Missions in connection with their efforts in the Home field.

Resolved, That we endorse the appeals made to the women of the Reformed

Church to enter upon this service in behalf of their own sex in Japan, and urge upon their attention the importance of organizing missionary societies in the various congregations throughout our bounds auxiliary to the Foreign Mission Board to cooperate in its blessed work.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman.*

VL. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIFICATION OF MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

The report of the Committee appointed by the Synod at Bellefonte, Pa., was received, acted on item by item, and adopted. It reads as follows:

The Committee appointed by the Synod at Bellefonte to prepare and report a plan to unify and to harmonize our missionary operations, respectfully submit to Synod the following report:

The Committee have had several meetings, discussed various plans which suggested themselves to them, and unanimously agreed to recommend the following plan.

1. We recommend that in the Constitution of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions a fair representation be given the Urinus Union by allowing that organization to designate who shall represent it in the Tri-Synodic Board.

2. We recommend that each Classis shall appoint an Executive Committee on Missions, who shall organize and direct Mission work within its bounds, cooperate with the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions in its work, organize as far as possible Mission Societies in every congregation, provide, if possible, for the support of all missions within its bounds, ascertain the minimum amount which can be raised for general mission work outside of its bounds, and shall report the same annually to Synod.

3. No mission shall be established within the bounds of any Classis without the consent and co-operation of the Executive Committee of the Classis within whose territory the point is located, where it is proposed to establish a mission.

4. We recommend that a Mission Convention shall be held annually in each Classis at the call of the Executive Committee of Classis on Missions. This committee shall appoint the time and place for the Convention, select the topics to be discussed, and secure speakers to open the discussion of each topic. The time and place for the Mission Convention, however, to be different from the time and place of the annual meeting of the Classis.

5. We recommend that a Synodic Convention of Missions be held annually at a time and place different from the time and place of meeting of the Synod, that Synod's Standing Committee on Missions shall have charge of this Convention so far as the necessary arrangements are concerned, similar to the Classical Executive Committees on Missions. It shall assign topics for discussion to the several delegates to open the discussion, and shall inform the persons designated for this purpose of their appointment at least three weeks prior to the time of the Convention.

6. We recommend that this Convention be a delegated body, that the delegates to it be elected or appointed by the several mission conventions of the several Classes, that the Executive Classical Committee be instructed to report to Synod's Standing Committee on Missions the names of the delegates elected by the Classical Convention to the Synodical Convention immediately after their election.

7. The traveling expenses of the committee amount to \$12 40, for the payment of which provision should be made by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HIESTER.

JNO. H. SECHLER.

L. K. EVANS.

EDW. J. ZAHM.

D. B. MAUGER.

In the adoption of the foregoing report the first resolution was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. D. W. Ebbert, J. A. Peters and Elder John Saybold to suggest to Synod the best method of carrying the aforesaid action into practical effect. The Committee presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee appointed to consider and suggest the best means of carrying into practical effect the first resolution of the report of the Committee on Missionary Operations already adopted by Synod, viz: "We recommend that in the Constitution of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions a fair representation be given the 'Ursinus Union' etc., would respectfully report, that we have carefully examined the subject and recommend the following action."

1. *Resolved*, That when the term of office of the members of the present Board of Missions shall expire two years hence the action of this Synod already taken shall be borne in mind and be complied with.

2. *Resolved*, That for the ensuing two years the Ursinus Union shall have the privilege of sending two representatives who shall have a seat and vote in our Board of Missions as now constituted.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. EBBERT, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, and also the Report of the Treasurer of Synod were received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Standing Committee on Finance. The following is the Report of the Board of Trustees:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened at Reading, October 10, 1883.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Trustees begs leave to present the following report. The board is composed of the following members:

Elder John J. Nissley, whose term expires January 1, 1884.

Rev. C. S. Gerhart, " " " January 1, 1885.

Elder Rudolph F. Kelker, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1886.

Elder John F. Orth, " " " Jan. 1, 1887.

Rev. Jonathan E. Heister, " " " Jan. 1, 1888.

As Elder John J. Nissley's term will expire on the 1st of January, 1884, we propose, in obedience to requirement of the charter, the names of Elder George Z. Kunkle and Elder John J. Meily as suitable candidates to fill said vacancy.

The following resolution was adopted by the Board:

Resolved, That the President, in his annual report, be and hereby is instructed to call the attention of Synod to the claim of Elder George Gelbach (mentioned on page 45, Synod Minutes, 1882).

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. ORTH, *President*.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer. In account with the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

1882.	Dr.	
Oct. 6, To Balance in Treasury	\$	22 22
" 7, " Cash from Tohickon Classis, per Isaac G. Gerhart, Esq., Treas.		86 11
" 10, " Cash from Philadelphia Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Esq., Treas.		59 00
Nov. 17, " Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer		23 32
Dec. 12, " Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer		33 02
1883.		
Jan. 17, " Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D., Treas.	100	00
Mar. 23, " Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	14	71
June 5, " Cash from Philadelphia Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Esq., Treas.	153	40
Sept. 7, " Cash from Lehigh Classis, per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treasurer	70	00
" 13, " Cash from Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Esq., Treasurer	50	00
" 17, " Cash from East Susquehanna Classis, per Geo. Hill, Esq., Treas.	200	50
" 18, " Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	21	86
" 22, " Cash from Tohickon Classis, per Isaac G. Gerhart, Esq., Treas.	50	00
" 25, " Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	4	00
" 26, " Cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treasurer	85	00
" 29, " Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D., Treas.	50	00
" 29, " Cash from Philadelphia Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Esq., Treas.	76	60
	<u>\$1,049</u>	<u>74</u>

1882.	Cr.	
Oct. 6, By cash paid Rev. C. S. Gerhart, travelling expenses	\$	1 14
" 6, " " " John F. Orth, Esq., " "		2 35
" 14, " " " Treasurer, travelling expenses to Synod, ...		6 60
1883.		
Jan. 6, " " " Rev. J. P. Stein, salary as stated clerk—translating Minutes of Synod, postage, &c.	119	60
Feb. 17, By Cash paid Reformed Church Publication Board on account for printing Minutes of Synod	175	00
June 5, By cash paid same for balance printing Minutes of Synod, expressage, &c.	186	92
Sept. 29, By cash paid W. D. Gross, Esq., Treas. of General Synod, balance due on apportionment—at Tiffin, Ohio	490	00
" 29, By cash paid Inquirer Printing and Publishing Co., Lancaster, for printing report of Committee to examine Draft of New Constitution	82	00
Oct. 6, By balance	96	13
	<u>\$1,049</u>	<u>74</u>

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

1882.		Dr.	
Oct. 6,	To balance in Treasury	\$301	54
" 7,	" Cash from Tohickon Classis, per Isaac G. Gerhart, Esq., Treas.	195	00
" 10,	" Cash from Philadelphia Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Esq., Treas.	36	00
Nov. 17,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	47	21
Dec. 12,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	26	89
1883.			
Jan. 17,	" Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D., Treasurer	21	00
" 18,	" Cash from Lehigh Classis, per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treas.	200	00
Feb. 2,	" Cash from Lehigh Classis, per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treas.	70	00
Mar. 23,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	25	82
May 25,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	23	81
June 5,	" Cash from Philadelphia Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Esq., Treas.	34	00
Sept. 7,	" Cash from Lehigh Classis, per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treas.	140	00
" 13,	" Cash from Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Esq., Treasurer	100	00
" 17,	" Cash from East Susquehanna Classis, per George Hill, Esq., Treasurer	202	50
" 18,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	80	48
" 22,	" Cash from Tohickon Classis, per I. G. Gerhart, Esq., Treas.	100	00
" 25,	" Cash from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	12	00
" 26,	" Cash from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treasurer	80	00
" 29,	" Cash from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D., Treasurer	150	00
" 29,	" Cash from Philadelphia Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Esq., Treas.	93	40
Oct. 2,	" Cash from Philadelphia Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Esq., Treas.	11	60
1882.		<u>\$1,900 25</u>	
		Cr.	
Nov. 4.	By Cash paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas. Ref'd Ch. Publication Board on account of money due estate of N. Fisher . . .	\$500	00
1883.			
Feb. 2.	" Cash paid Wm. H. Seibert, Treas., six mos. interest on \$1,000, loan from Home Missions to Jan. 9, 1883 . . .	80	00
" 2.	" Cash paid same, accrued interest on \$500, from July 9 to October 2, 1882, date of payment	7	00
April 2.	" Cash paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas. Ref'd Church Publication Board, on account of money due estate of N. Fisher	850	00
Aug. 17.	" Cash paid Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer Home Mission, six months' interest on \$1,000 loan to July 9, 1883 . . .	30	00
" 17.	" Cash paid same on account of principal of said loan . . .	500	00
" 17.	" Cash paid same, accrued interest on same	5	00
Sept. 29.	" Cash paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas. Ref'd Church Publication Board on account of money due estate of N. Fisher,	400	00
Oct. 6.	" By balance	78	25
		<u>\$1,900 25</u>	

The undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the account of John J. Nimsley, Esq., Treasurer of Synod, certify that we have examined his account, compared the vouchers, and find it correct, and that there is in his hands a balance due Contingent Fund of \$96.13, and for Sinking Fund \$78.25.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 6, 1888.

RUD. F. KELKER, } Committee.
JOHN F. ORTH, }

SEMINARY AND GERHART FUND.

1883.

Dr.

Jan. 30.	To Cash from Isaac Mumma, six mos. int., part Kieffer legacy	\$125 00
March 28.	" Cash from A. and S. Harmer, twelve mos. int., Cook legacy	72 00
April 5.	" Cash from six mos. int. on \$300, Harrisburg city bonds, Gerhart Legacy	9 00
" 5.	" Cash from Leonard Mountz, six mos. interest on part of Kieffer legacy	62 50
" 5.	" Cash from L. and A. Mountz, six mos. interest on part of Kieffer legacy	50 00
Aug. 7.	" Cash from Isaac Mumma, six months' interest on part of Kieffer legacy	125 00
" 7.	" Cash, six mos. interest on \$300, Harrisburg city sixes, Gerhart legacy	9 00
		<u>\$452 50</u>

1883.

Cr.

Feb. 17.	By Cash paid John B. Roth, Esq., Treas. Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., six mos. interest on part Kieffer legacy	125 00
April 5.	" Cash paid same six mos. interest on Cook legacy	72 00
" 5.	" Cash paid same six mos. interest on part of Kieffer legacy	112 50
Aug. 4.	" Cash paid same six mos. interest on part of Kieffer legacy	125 00
Sept. 24.	" Cash paid R. F. Kelker, Treasurer Foreign Missions, one year's interest on \$100 of Gerhart legacy	6 00
" 24.	" Cash paid W. H. Seibert, Treasurer Home Missions, one year's interest on \$100 Gerhart legacy	6 00
" 24.	" Cash paid Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, Treasurer Board of Education, one year's interest on \$100 Gerhart legacy.	6 00
		<u>\$452 50</u>

The following Classes within the bounds of this Synod are in arrears, viz:

For Contingent Fund.		For Sinking Fund.	
Years.		Years.	
1881 Lebanon Classis	\$114 00	1881 Leb. Classis	\$139 00
1882 Lebanon Classis	130 00	1882 Leb. Classis	240 00
	<u>\$244 00</u>		<u>\$379 00</u>
1882 W. Susquehanna	34 31	1881 W. Susqueh'a	11 82
1882 E. Susquehanna	50 00	1882 W. Susqueh'a	80 00
1880 E. Pennsylvania	55 00		91 82
1881 E. Pennsylvania	184 00	1882 E. Susqueh'a	100 00
1882 E. Pennsylvania	50 00	1879 E. Penn'a	52 25
	<u>289 00</u>	1880 E. Penn'a	50 00
		1881 E. Penn'a	240 00
Total	<u>\$617 31</u>	1882 E. Penn'a	100 00
			<u>442 25</u>
		Total	<u>\$1,018 07</u>

Reverend Fathers and Brethren: As my term of office as a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod, as well as that of Treasurer of your venerable body, expires January next, you will be called upon to elect my successor during your present sitting.

In presenting this my fifth and last annual report, I beg to inform Synod that there have been no changes made in the investments of Synod during the past year.

The Treasurer desires to inform Synod that he has paid \$500 on account of the principal of the loan from Board of Home Missions, leaving a balance of \$500 unpaid; also that he has paid \$480, balance due General Synod on apportionment at Tiffin, Ohio; and further that he has paid \$1,250 on account of the \$1,500 assumed by Synod, due the estate of N. Fisher, leaving a balance of \$250 unpaid.

The treasurer desires to inform Synod that there is outstanding on Sinking Fund account \$1,013.17; if this will be paid, there is no occasion for any further apportionment for this account, unless Synod desires to provide for the payment of the \$887 due Father Gelbach. There is also outstanding on Contingent Account \$617.31; if this will be paid, it will be sufficient, with the amount in the treasury, to meet the current expenses of Synod for the coming year. I would, however, recommend an apportionment for this account, in anticipation of the expenses attending the meeting of General Synod next year.

The Treasurer is pleased to inform Synod that a majority of the Classes have paid their apportionments promptly. While a few are still in arrears, yet upon the whole there has been a great improvement in this direction during the past year, and Synod may indeed congratulate itself upon the flattering condition of its financial affairs.

Respectfully submitted.

Hummelstown, Pa., Oct. 6, 1883.

JNO. J. NISSELEY, *Treas.*

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:—

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to report, that the following items were referred to it for consideration:

- I. The Treasurer's Report.
- II. The Gelbach Claim.
- III. Item 5th of Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod.
- IV. Instructions with reference to those Classes which have paid up their apportionments in full.

I. Your committee examined the Treasurer's Report, and notes the following facts:—

1. That there is a balance of \$96.13 credited to the Contingent Fund, and a balance of \$78.25 credited to the Sinking Fund.
2. That \$500 on account of principal of loan from the Board of Home Missions has been paid, leaving a balance of \$500 unpaid.
3. That of the \$1500 apportioned at the meeting of Synod in 1881, to cover the indebtedness of the Publication Board to the estate of Mrs. N. Fisher, deceased, \$1250 have been paid, leaving a balance of \$250 unpaid.
4. That the apportionments on this Synod by the General Synod have been paid in full.

5. That the arrearages on Contingent and Sinking Funds are as follows:—

FOR CONTINGENT FUND.

Lebanon Classis for 1881	\$114.00	
" " " 1882	180.00	
		\$244.00
West Susquehanna Classis for 1882		84.81
East " " " 1882		50.00
East Pennsylvania " " 1880	\$ 55.00	
" " " " 1881	184.00	
" " " " 1882	50.00	
		289.00
Total		\$617.81

FOR SINKING FUND.

Lebanon Classis for 1881	\$139.00	
" " " 1882	240.00	
		\$379.00
West Susquehanna Classis for 1881	\$11.82	
" " " " 1882	80.00	
		91.82
East " " " 1882		100.00
East Pennsylvania " " 1879	\$52.25	
" " " " 1880	50.00	
" " " " 1881	240.00	
" " " " 1882	160.00	
		442.25
Total		\$1018.07

6. The Treasurer reports that if the arrearages on Assessments of Sinking Fund be paid up, the debt on account of which the Fund was created will be met. Your committee, therefore, makes no assessments for said Fund.

7. The Treasurer recommends an assessment on Contingent Fund to meet expenses attendant upon the meeting of the next General Synod. In the judgment of your committee, \$200 will be sufficient to meet said expense. We therefore recommend the following assessments:—

East Pennsylvania Classis	\$20.00
Lebanon "	52.00
Philadelphia "	12.00
Lancaster "	14.00
East Susquehanna "	20.00
West "	14.00
Goshenhoppen "	20.00
Tohickon "	20.00
Lehigh "	28.00
Total	\$200.00

II. Under the head of "Gelbach Claim," a paper "to the Board of Home Missions in the United States," was referred to the committee; from which we

learn that the following delinquencies exist, as appears from an assessment made by our Synod in 1874:—

East Pennsylvania Classis	.....	\$100.00
Philadelphia	"	60.00
Goshenhoppen	"	7.00
Tohickon	"	35.00
East Susquehanna	"	80.00
West	"	11.49
Total	.....	<u>\$298.49</u>

III. The item from the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod is simply this, that Synod requires all delinquencies to be paid up as soon as possible.

IV. According to a resolution of this Synod, referred to us, we declare the following Classes to have paid up their apportionments on Contingent and Sinking Funds: Philadelphia, Lancaster, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon and Lehigh.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI KELLER, *Chairman*.

The expenses and incidents of the Committee appointed by the Synod of Bellefonte, in preparing and printing an opinion on General Synod's draft of a new constitution, amounts to sixty dollars. An order was granted on the Treasurer for the payment of the bill.

The expenses of the Committee appointed by the Synod of Bellefonte to formulate a basis for the unification of our missionary operations amount to \$12.40. An order was granted on the Treasurer for the payment of the same.

Elders L. S. Heller and G. L. Dellinger were appointed to collect 25 cents from each delegate for the service of the sexton. The committee subsequently reported that \$15.50 had been collected for the aforesaid object, and handed to Dr. Bausman, the pastor of the church. At the request of the pastor loci, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That in view of the statement made that the services of the sexton are paid by the congregation, the amount collected for this purpose from the delegates of Synod be added to the collection for Missions, lifted at the Missionary Meeting of Synod on Friday evening.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

In the consideration of the 16th item in the Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, calling for a report of a committee appointed a year ago, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, A discrepancy appeared in the Chairmanship of the Committee on the Status of Church Members whose names are erased, it was

Resolved, That Rev. N. S. Strassburger be declared to be the Chairman of said Committee, and that his report be heard.

The report was received and laid on the table.

In the Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, under the head of Requests, the attention of Synod was directed to the fact that the charge under the pastoral care of Rev. M. L. Fritch did not receive credit in the statistical table last year for the money contributed for benevolent purposes. In view of this fact the following action was taken :

Resolved, That the delegates of Lebanon Classis in the present sessions of Synod be instructed to request the Stated Clerk of Lebanon Classis to forward to the Stated Clerk of Synod the amount of money collected for Benevolence by Rev. M. L. Fritch, during the classical year ending June, 1882.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to append a statement of said amount, in way of a foot-note, to the statistical tables of Lebanon Classis for 1883, thus giving the credit omitted in statistical tables of the Synodical Minutes for 1882.

In the Report of the Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes, under the head of 23d item, that part referring to the withdrawal of Rev. H. Keller from the active duties of the ministry, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. A. Peters, Geo. S. Sorber and Elder Jos. Laubach, who submitted the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF THE CASE OF REV. H. KELLER.

Your committee to whom was referred the action of West Susquehanna Classis in regard to the retirement of Rev. Henry Keller from the active duties of the Christian ministry, would respectfully propose to your consideration the following action, to wit :—

The action of the Classis, as recorded in the minutes, evidently does not fully cover the request made by Rev. H. Keller. In his request two separate and distinct things are embraced : 1) The one is a request to engage in some secular employment ; 2) The other is a request that Classis should "withdraw from him the powers and privileges of the Christian ministry." By this latter expression, from the whole tenor of his communication, he evidently means that he be relieved from all the responsibility in his ordination vows.

The action of the Classis is a permission granting the first part of the request, but it does not answer the second. We would, therefore, recommend the following action :—

Resolved, That the Classis of West Susquehanna be instructed to complete its action so far as to say to Rev. Henry Keller, that, while he may be permitted, for sufficient reasons, to engage for a season in some secular employment, the Classis has no authority, agreeably to the first sentence of Article 14 of the Constitution of the Church, to relieve him from the responsibilities involved in his ordination to the Christian ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETERS, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

In the Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes the 15th item under the head of Complaints, together with a document from Lebanon Classis bearing on the same subject were re-

ferred to a special committee consisting of Revs. I. E. Graeff, W. E. Krebs and Elder H. C. Hoover.

The complaint of Lebanon Classis reads as follows :

The Lebanon Classis complaining of the action of the Goshenhoppen Classis would call attention to the following facts.

Two years ago a committee appointed by the Lebanon Classis having the difficulties of the Belleman's congregation in charge refused the persistent requests of Rev. P. P. A. Hoffman to officiate there, and warned him not to make any regular appointments. Notwithstanding our refusal, protest and warning he went there and still continues his services.

We immediately by action of Classis complained to Goshenhoppen Classis of this irregularity of a member of their body, calling attention to his persistent violation of constitutional provisions. We appointed a committee consisting of Rev. F. W. Kremer, D.D., and Rev. H. A. Keyser, to carry our complaint to said Goshenhoppen Classis. They attended a regular meeting.

Said Goshenhoppen Classis by a series of resolutions acknowledged the irregularity, courteously telling us at the same time that he was doing a good work, and asked that he might continue to do so.

We respectfully declined this instruction, and informed that Classis of the increased confusion this irregularity was producing.

After this communication was received by them they saw proper to dismiss the Rev. P. P. A. Hoffman to Lebanon Classis as a minister in good and regular standing.

We now complain to the Synod of the United States.

(1). That Goshenhoppen Classis connived at the irregularity of one of their members, and thereby increased this confusion in one of our congregations.

(2). That the Goshenhoppen Classis admitted the irregularity, but did not correct him as required by the constitution of the Church and interests of our congregation.

(8). Having complained of Rev. P. P. A. Hoffman, and he being therefore under discipline, said Goshenhoppen Classis dismissed him to Lebanon Classis giving him papers, with the statement that he is "in good and regular standing."

By request of Lebanon Classis.

H. MOSSER.
J. W. STEINMETZ.
D. WOLF.

Reading, Oct. 18, 1883.

The following is the report of the Special Committee, which was received and adopted :

Your committee to whom was referred the complaint of Lebanon Classis against the action of Goshenhoppen Classis in the case of Rev. P. P. A. Hoffman, respectfully report that they have examined said complaint and find it in order, and therefore propose the following course of action :

1. The complaint shall be read.
2. The complainants shall have fifteen minutes to open the case, after that the defendants shall have half an hour to reply, and then the complainants shall have fifteen minutes to close.

After this the members of Synod shall have a right to discuss the case, but shall be limited to five minute speeches, after which the vote shall be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

I. E. GRAEFF, *Chairman.*

The discussion of the complaint was made the order of the day for Monday at 9 A. M. At the close of the discussion the vote was taken and the results are as follows, to wit:

Yeas—J. J. Crist, G. W. Kerschner, T. A. Huber, H. M. Kieffer, G. S. Sorber, D. Van Horne, J. H. Sechler, T. G. Apple, D. C. Tobias, J. B. Kerschner, J. K. Millet, G. B. Dechant, T. S. Land, G. P. Hartzel, R. L. Gerhart, Wm. M. Landis, J. Kehm, S. K. Gross, I. E. Graeff, J. H. Leinbach, N. S. Strassburger, Elders Jos. Laubach, Geo. Hartzell, H. C. Hoover, A. Schwenk, J. F. Unger, W. H. Seibert, S. L. Dellinger, G. W. Hensel, Jno. Zellera, Chas. Newhart, H. Helwig, J. A. Moyer, L. S. Heller, H. Keller, M. Alkhouse, Wm. Fluck, R. H. Kramm, T. F. Butz, S. Greisemer, B. S. Levan.

Nays—Rev. D. W. Ebbert, John Weber.

With reference to further action in the case, the President appointed a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. T. G. Apple, I. E. Graeff, Dr. D. Van Horne, Elders H. C. Hoover and Jos. Laubach, to whom this subject was referred.

The Committee presented its report, which was adopted. It reads as follows:

The committee appointed to formulate some action with reference to the decision of Synod in the case of the complaint of the Lebanon Classis against the Goshenhoppen Classis, respectfully submit the following:

The Synod has decided that the Lebanon Classis has valid grounds of complaint because a member of the Goshenhoppen Classis is officiating within the bounds of the Lebanon Classis against its expressed will and protest. This decision does not necessarily imply a censure against the Goshenhoppen Classis. The case requires, however, that the wish of the Lebanon Classis shall be regarded, and that this irregularity shall cease as soon as possible. Your committee therefore recommend:

1. That a conference be held by the delegates present from both Classes, and the President of Synod, with a view to advise as to the best means and manner of reaching this end by such mutual agreement.

2. If then the irregularity does not cease within a given time mutually agreed upon by this conference, say within the next three months, it will be the duty of the Goshenhoppen Classis of its own motion to proceed in the way of discipline against the member of their Classis in order to compel obedience to the requirements of the constitution.

T. G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

No special action was taken on this subject. Sunday School topics were discussed on Saturday evening, as reported by the Committee on Religious Services.

The Board has resolved to change the name of "The Child's Treasury" to that of "The Sunday-School Treasury," and to issue it after the end of the present volume as a Semi-Monthly and to reduce the price of it to 20 cts. per copy, when over five copies are taken, and 25 cts. per single copy. The Advanced Lesson Paper, after January 1st, next, will be issued *Quarterly*, with some additional features that will commend themselves to those using them. The subscription price will be thereafter \$6.00 per hundred copies a year.

The Book Department has been generally patronized during the year, and the receipts compare favorably with those of the past few years. The aim has been to make it what the Church wants and needs,—a medium through which can be obtained the Publications of the Church and those of other houses at a fair profit.

The number of books, tracts and services of different kinds, printed for this Department during the year, has been 91,500—including 15,000 Almanacs.

The Committee appointed to examine the stock in the store and place an estimate on the same, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

To the Reformed Church Publication Board: The undersigned members of your Committee, appointed to examine the stock and accounts of the Board, would present the following report:—

In examining the stock of books, stationery and publications on hand, we find a large amount of unsaleable stock which we deducted a large percentage from cost, in some cases as much as 75 per cent., and on a very large amount 50 per cent.

Much of the stock is the accumulation of years, and we recommend its sale for whatever it will bring, by auction or otherwise.

We find a large amount of old accounts for subscriptions which we consider entirely worthless, and have not put any valuation upon them. We have also made large deductions from the Estimated value of Fixtures, Cuts, Plates, Copyrights, &c., and endeavored to aim as near as possible at a cash value of the Assets of the Board.

You will find Statement of stock in store, Book accounts, &c., accompanying this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Phila. Sep. 4, 1883.

GEORGE W. HENSEL, } Committee.
JAMES T. REBER, }

To carry into execution the Plan of Life-Membership subscriptions for "THE MESSENGER," which was adopted a year ago, the Board appointed Elder Jacob Heyser, of Chambersburg, Pa., as its Agent. Mr. Heyser since his appointment has canvassed several sections of the Church, and has thus far succeeded in securing six subscriptions at \$100.00 for the life of two, and eleven at \$50.00 for the life of one. Quite a number of these were taken by congregations for their Pastor. With these he has also the promise of quite a number of others in due time. It is to be hoped that, at no distant day, a large number may thus be obtained.

At its last meeting the Board took the following action, which speaks for itself:

Whereas, It is exceedingly desirable that the debt of the Board be reduced as speedily and as much as possible, and

Whereas, We have a just claim upon the liberality of the Church in view of the loss sustained by the burning of our Establishment at Chambersburg during the War, and—

Whereas, The Synod of the United States, before the formation of the other Synods now owning the Printing Establishment, at the Synod held at Lancaster, Pa., in 1864, authorized the placing of an Agent in the field to raise \$60,000 for the use of the Board, very little of which has ever been raised, and—

Whereas, The said order has never been rescinded, but is still in force and applies as well to the other Synods formed out of the territory of the mother Synod, therefore—

Resolved, That we place an Agent or Agents in the field to raise all that is possible of the said \$60,000 from the congregations belonging to the three Synods represented in the Board.

Resolved, That Elder Jacob Heyser be authorized, in connection with securing life-membership subscriptions for "*The Messenger*," to collect all he can in any amounts, people are willing to give for this object.

It is probably necessary to add here, that the moneys obtained from life-membership subscriptions and from collections made by the Agent, are to be applied to the liquidation of the *old* debt of the Board. This debt, for the most part, was incurred by the express direction of the Synods themselves, and the Board, therefore, feels warranted in expecting that the resolutions of the past will be made good through the means now inaugurated. The Board wishes it to be distinctly understood, that these moneys are not for its present conduct, as its financial condition otherwise and its operations clearly show that it is self-sustaining, besides paying in full the interest accruing, year by year, upon its *old* debt, out of its receipts. With this debt removed, the interest thus paid would then go towards extending its operations. The Board hopes that the Agent will receive a hearty welcome and a liberal response from Pastors and people within the bounds of the Synods.

The Board would express its appreciation of the majority of the Synods responding so willingly to the overture presented in its report of last year, asking them to see that at least one collection be lifted annually for the use of the Board, and it is hoped that the Synod of the United States will take favorable action upon the same. A number of congregations have lifted them in compliance with the action of their Synod with a very gratifying result. It is to be hoped that they may continue to do so year after year, and that others will follow their example.

During the year a pocket edition of "*Hymns for the Reformed Church*" has been issued; also an edition of "*The Heidelberg Catechism*," from new plates; both of which have met with decided favor. The former has since been introduced in many of our churches, whilst others contemplate doing so at an early date.

It was hoped that long before this the Board would be able to issue a book of music for the new hymn book, but, though it had decided to publish a book entitled, "*Tunes for Worship*"—i. e., Tunes only,—difficulties arising to delay the completion of the selection of music by the Committee having it in charge, and there being somewhat of a demand for a "*Hymnal*" instead—i. e., Tunes and Words—and the Superintendent not wishing to take upon himself the responsibility of publishing it in a form not likely to satisfy the wants of the Church, the whole matter was deferred until the late meeting of the Board. It was then resolved that the whole subject be referred to the three Synods, to decide as to what form in which the music shall be published—simply as a Tune Book, or a Hymnal. In either case, particularly if they decide that it shall be issued in the latter form, they will be expected to provide in some way or other the funds with which to meet the expense of electrotyping, editing, copyrights, &c.,—the Board not having the funds with which to do it. The expense will not be much less than from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

For the improvement of the several periodicals published by the Board and the encouragement of those who may be requested to contribute to their columns, a certain amount has been placed at the disposal of the editors, with which they may compensate such, to some degree at least.

The terms of the following Trustees will expire at the end of the present year:—B. Wolff, Jr., from the Pittsburgh Synod, and G. S. Griffith from the Synod of the Potomac. It will devolve upon these two Synods, therefore, at their next annual sessions to fill the vacancies that will thus occur in the Board.

The Board in good faith makes the several progressive steps named in this report, and it has good reason to hope that it will be seconded by the Church, whose creature it is, in all laudable efforts to advance the interests and enlarge the sphere of that which has been placed in its charge.

CHAS. G. FISHER, *Secretary*.

GEO. GELBACH, *President*.

Philadelphia, Sept. 14, 1883.

The following report was received from the Committee to superintend the Publication of the "*Hausfreund*" and referred to the Committee on Publication.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE "*HAUSFREUND*."

The Committee under whose superintendence the "*Hausfreund*" is published beg leave to report :

That it continues to be published every two weeks under the able editorship of Dr. Bausman.

It gives us pleasure to report that its circulation is gradually increasing. There are at present 2650 subscribers. It has no debts and annual contributions from its funds are made to various benevolent objects of the Church. During the year \$100 was appropriated to Domestic Missions, \$150 to Church Extension, and \$20 to the Northern Illinois College.

We believe that it accomplishes to a great extent the object at which it aims, viz: To awaken a greater interest among our Penna. Germans in Missions and general Church work, as well as to elevate the character of the Christian life.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. STEINMETZ,
For the Committee.

The standing Committee on Publication to whom the foregoing reports were referred, submitted the following report which was received, taken up item by item, amended and adopted.

The report reads as follows:—

Dear Fathers and Brethren.—Your Committee on Publication begs leave to offer the following report:

Two papers were referred to it, the report of the Committee on "*Reformirte Hausfreund*," and the report of the Board of Publication.

The "*Hausfreund*" continues to increase its subscription list, is not only free from debt, but able to appropriate money for benevolent purposes.

With regard to our Board of Publication it affords your Committee great pleasure to say that the enterprise and progress exhibited during the preceding year are fully sustained during the year just closed. The Board is in a healthy condition, having not only paid the interest on its heavy debt but decreased its liabilities to the extent of \$1818.

It is greatly to be desired however that these liabilities should be paid more rapidly than can be done by withdrawing a sum annually from the profits of the Publication concern. In order to accomplish this the Board has appointed an agent, Elder Jacob Heyser, to canvass the three Synods represented by it, and collect money in whatever amounts our people may be inclined to give them, and also to secure subscription for the *Messenger* on the life-membership plan.

With this same end in view the Board also hopes that such action will be taken at this meeting of the Synod as to encourage the carrying out of the plan adopted last year, requesting the several Classes to instruct their pastors to lift one collection annually in each congregation, for the benefit of the Board.

Especially worthy of attention is the action of the Board placing a sum of money in the hands of its several editors for the purpose of compensating in some degree those who favor our periodicals with contributions. At a time when the Board is cumbered with a heavy debt it may seem injudicious to expend any money for a purpose which for so many years has been regarded as unnecessary. We must, however, remember that frequently the best way to save a dollar is to spend it wisely; that, while the bread can never be denied the children, a bushel of wheat stored away in the garner is of far less value than a bushel of wheat apparently thrown away by being planted in the soil.

In the judgment of the best newspaper and magazine publishers, the whole income derived from a periodical can never be entirely withdrawn from the paper without serious and often fatal injury. One of the absolute requirements of a periodical, aiming at success, is continual variety and freshness. As soon as it begins to move on an even plain, it becomes monotonous and dull. No matter how high is the literary merit shown in its columns, sameness deadens attention; and in order to maintain its hold upon a community the periodical must descend to a wretched expedient and go a begging. The "Press," the "Herald," the "Tribune," the "Independent," the "Century," "Harper's Magazine," "St. Nicholas," are continually forcing attention to themselves by the publication of essays and stories of special applicability to the wants of their readers, and by frequent and powerful appeals to their attention by the discussion of themes of absorbing interest.

If we hope for success with our Church periodicals we must learn a lesson from the secular press. In the judgment of your committee success cannot be attained in any other way. And nothing will conduce so strongly to the attainment of this end as the plan lately adopted by the Board. For no matter what may be the talent of an editor no single mind is capable of watching the signs of the hour and studying the needs and tone of the public, and at the same time composing articles of continued and varied interest as success absolutely requires.

With the secular press the editor is little more than the watchman on the tower observing the movements of events transpiring below him, and the director of a whole host of noble and talented writers. What the hour requires he supplies, when interest flags he rouses it, not so much by his own compositions as by using the productions of other men, each, if not one, perchance, is strong only in a special line.

To place our editors in this position is required if we even hope to make any real advance to the attainment of that success and usefulness which we all so heartily desire.

Another item of great importance brought forward by the report of the Board is the publication of a tune book, the question to be answered being: "Shall we have a hymnal with tunes or simply a tune book?" The hymnal would require the expenditure of from 1,500 to 2,500 dollars, and the Board does not feel itself able to publish such a work unless the Synod furnishes the money. There is a doubt too in the minds of many whether the new hymn book really meets the wants of the Church, whether it must not in the near future give way to a book of broader and more general character. In view of the divergent views expressed on the subject the Board was unwilling to assume the responsibility of deciding, and accordingly referred the whole matter to the three Synods.

In view of the above, your committee would respectfully recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we cordially endorse the action of the committee under whose supervision the Publication of "*Reformirte Hausfreund*" is conducted, and commend it anew to the members of our churches.

Resolved, That the several Classes comprising the Synod of the United States are requested to render whatever aid they can to Elder Heyser in his efforts to collect money for the Board.

Resolved, That the several Classes are hereby urged to do all in their power to have one collection annually lifted in each congregation for the use of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. GERHART, *Chairman*.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Geo. W. Hensel, 1 year, James T. Reber, 2 years, Geo. Gelbach, 3 years.

ARTICLE XX.

GOVERNMENT.

CHANGE IN THE LEMMATA OF THE MINUTES OF SYNOD.

WHEREAS, The Synod of the United States has not elected delegates to corresponding bodies since 1879; and

WHEREAS, The election of such delegates belongs properly to the General Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That Article IX., which treats of correspondence with sister churches, be hereafter omitted in the Lemmata of Minutes of this Synod.

ORDER TO THE CLERKS OF CLASSES.

WHEREAS, Time will be gained by having the Roll of Synod prepared in advance of its annual meetings; therefore,

Resolved, That it be and hereby is enjoined upon the different Classes to instruct their Stated Clerks to submit the credentials of their representative delegates to the Stated Clerk of Synod at least ten days before its sessions begin, and that the Stated Clerk of Synod prepare his roll accordingly.

LANDSDALE MISSION.

In the Report of Minutes of Classes, the 12th item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. T. G. Apple, N. S. Strassburger and Elder Jos. Laubach, who presented the following report, which was adopted:—

The committee appointed to report on the overture of the Philadelphia Classis, in regard to the Landsdale Mission, beg leave to report the following:

It seems that at a certain stage in the correspondence between the Philadelphia and Tohickon Classes, in reference to the management of this mission, the latter Classis (the Tohickon) raises the question of jurisdiction, claiming that the Landsdale congregation belongs to the Tohickon Classis. The Tohickon Classis, however, had previously asked Philadelphia Classis to cede to said Tohickon Classis the territory on which the Landsdale church stands, thereby acknowledging that that church is within the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia Classis. In the examination the committee has given to the matter, it has been acknowledged by delegates from both Classes concerned that this church is located on territory belonging to the Philadelphia Classis. The congregation, so long as it continues to worship in the church building at Landsdale, must therefore be regarded as belonging to the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia Classis. The committee therefore submit the following action:

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Tohickon Classis, in its relation to the mission church at Landsdale, to recognize and respect the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia Classis over that territory.

As the Philadelphia Classis requests Synod not only to give expression on the point of jurisdiction, but that Synod also take such other action as it may think best in the case, your committee think that the two Classes are fully competent to settle their relations to the management of this mission, especially when the point of jurisdiction is decided, and that by appointing committees of conference, or in some other way, they can arrange and determine what is best.

Until something more definite on this general subject of the management of the Landsdale Mission, Synod does not deem it necessary to take any further action at present.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. APPLE, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SYNOD'S DRAFT OF THE NEW
CONSTITUTION.

The Committee appointed by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at the annual meeting held at Bellefonte, Pa., October, 1882, to examine the draft of the New Constitution submitted by the General Synod, convened at Tiffin in May, 1881.

This committee was instructed to perform the work which was enjoined by the General Synod upon the Synods and the Classes, as expressed by the following action:—

"We recommend that the General Synod order this draft to be printed in full in the minutes of (General) Synod, and that Synods and Classes be requested to give the same a careful examination and consideration; and also to give an expression of their opinion with respect especially to the following important proposed changes in our practical government, namely: 1. Annual sessions of the General Synod; 2. Election of delegates by Synods instead of Classes; 3. Concentration of church work on Boards appointed by the General Synod."

On this recommendation of the General Synod, our Synod at Bellefonte took action as follows:

"This whole subject," as expressed in the Minutes, p. 56, "was referred to a special committee, * * * to report at the next annual meeting of Synod."

These instructions are not definite, and the committee had to interpret the purpose of its appointment as best it could.

After we had closely studied the language of General Synod's recommendation—also the action of our own Synod at Bellefonte—we decided that the committee was ordered to do two things, one general and the other particular, namely, to examine the entire draft of the proposed new Constitution and report thereon to this body, and especially to consider three new features in it. Thus understanding the purport of its appointment, the committee endeavored to comply with the recommendation of General Synod, and herewith presents the results of its work.

During the year we have held three meetings—the first at Lancaster, in December last, continuing three days; the second also at Lancaster, in February, when we were in session five days, and a final meeting of three days, in June, at Allentown.

As regards the three new features submitted to us for consideration, we propose the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, it is expedient that the General Synod should not meet annually, but triennially.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod is not in favor of having the delegates to the General Synod elected by Synods, but, as is now done, by the Classes.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod does not deem a concentration of church work additional to that provided by the existing Constitution, in Boards appointed by the General Synod, to be either expedient or desirable.

As recommended by the General Synod, your committee also carefully examined the entire new draft. We studied the general plan, including Parts, Chapters and Sections; also the Articles, one by one, and the forms of expression. In all these respects we are unanimously of the opinion that this new draft of our organic law ought to be very much modified. Entertaining this conviction, we revised and reconstructed the whole document. After we had gone through it, we found that our proposed changes as regards the plan, the numbering of the articles and the forms of expression, were so numerous and various, that by simply describing these changes it would be impossible for any one intelligently to compare our revision with General Synod's draft. Hence we decided that the simplest and most intelligible manner of making our report, would be to

reproduce the document, incorporating all our proposed modifications as to plan, chapters, articles and language; and, following precedent, to submit it in a printed pamphlet.

Judging from many indications of the mind of ministers and elders respecting the three new features to which special attention has been directed, the committee made changes on the presumption that the three resolutions which it proposes will meet the approval of this Synod. These new features have accordingly been suppressed in General Synod's draft, as modified by your committee.

It would extend this report unduly and unnecessarily to assign the reasons which have governed us in making changes. Such reasons are reserved, and, if need be, they will be given orally to Synod or to a special committee, as one topic after another may arise for consideration. We have aimed at brevity, combined with fulness, at directness and exactness of expression, and consistency. The whole document has been reduced one-fourth, yet no item, we think, has been omitted, the three new features excepted.

To forestall misapprehension, we deem it proper to add that the committee has confined itself to the work of modifying the draft submitted by General Synod. No new principle has been introduced, nor has any element distinctive of the government of the Reformed Church been eliminated.

In conclusion, it is suggested that this Synod request the General Synod to revise the "Forms" appended to the Constitution; also to add two new Forms, namely, one for swearing a witness and another for affirming a witness.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. GERHART,

J. H. DUBBS,

N. S. STRASSBURGER,

CHARLES DENUES,

GEO. HILL.

In connection with the adoption of this report, the following additional action was taken :

Resolved, That this report be approved as a whole; and further, that the new Constitution, as revised and corrected by the committee, be sent up to the General Synod, to be used by that body to come to a final conclusion in its work of providing the church with a new organic law.

CONSTITUTION OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

For the maintenance of truth and order agreeably to the Word of God, the Reformed Church in the United States ordains this Constitution to be her fundamental law for government, doctrine and cultus, and declares the same to have binding authority on all her members, congregations and courts.

CHAPTER I.—THE CHURCH.

SECTION I.—MEMBERS.

Article 1. Persons received into the communion of the Church by confirmation, certificate or otherwise, and not afterwards excluded from the Lord's Supper, are communicant members. They are entitled to all the rights and privileges

of the Church, and can be deprived of the same only by due course of discipline. At a meeting of the congregation, they may vote on all questions submitted to them for decision. (7 C. & 35 S. L.*)

Article 2. Members of other branches of the Christian Church, in good and regular standing, may be received into the membership of the Reformed Church, by a certificate of dismission. If, however, such a certificate cannot be procured, no moral impediment existing, they may be received by a renewal of their profession. This does not preclude the Pastor and Consistory from deciding in either case, whether they shall or shall not be instructed in the fundamental truths of the Christian religion, as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism, and then received by confirmation. (38.)

Article 3. Members removing from one congregation to another, shall obtain a certificate of dismission, and at the first opportunity, unite with the congregation into whose bounds they have moved. The pastor dismissing them shall immediately communicate the fact to the congregation to which they have been dismissed. A certificate in all cases shall be valid only for one year from its date. Until the dismissed members are received, and due notice of their reception has been given, they continue amenable to the congregation which dismissed them. In the case of an Elder or Deacon in active service, his application for dismission shall be regarded as a resignation of his office. (39.)

SECTION II.—CONGREGATIONS.

Article 4. A congregation of the Reformed Church, is a body of Christian people, receiving the Heidelberg Catechism as its standard of faith and discipline, and organized agreeably to the provisions of this Constitution. (6 C.)

Article 5. Whenever a new congregation is to be constituted, it is necessary to secure the signatures of the church members who are willing to enter into such organization to the following memorial addressed to Classis:

"We, whose names are hereunto affixed, desiring to enjoy the holy ordinances of the Christian Church, do hereby petition the Classis of _____ to constitute us a congregation under the name of _____ congregation in the township (town or city) of _____ county of _____ and State of _____, and declare our readiness, upon the granting of our petition, to be governed by the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

(Date.)

[Signed.]

Classis, upon the reception of this petition, shall, if the proposed organization be approved, appoint a committee to constitute the congregation, superintend the election for Elders and Deacons, and induct them into office. After the acts thus authorized shall have been performed, and then approved by Classis, the organization is a regular congregation of the Reformed Church in the United States. (27.)

Article 6. Every congregation shall adopt a Constitution for itself, defining the rights and duties of members and officers, which however, shall be agreeable to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States. (29.)

Article 7. Every congregation, immediately after its organization, shall take steps to procure a charter, which shall constitute the Elders and Deacons the Board of Trustees, and shall in other respects agree with the form of incorporation approved by the General Synod. A copy of the proposed charter shall be submitted to Classis for approval before application is made to the civil authority (33.)

* To facilitate comparison, the figures in brackets, at the end of an Article, are noted to refer the reader to corresponding Articles in General Synod's Draft. See Minutes of General Synod, 1891, p. 113-164. The Articles without such figures were added by the Committee.

C. stands for "Constitution" (p. 113, etc.), and S. L. for "Special Laws" (p. 117, etc.)

Article 8. No congregation belonging to a pastoral charge can withdraw therefrom without the consent of Classis. The common interests of the congregations constituting a charge, are committed to a *Joint Consistory*, composed of the members of the Consistories of the several congregations. (31.)

Article 9. To the Trustees is committed the care and control of the property of the congregation, whether real or movable, moneys or legacies. They are to hold the property as a sacred trust for the congregation; keep the edifices in proper repair, and not allow it to be used for secular or improper purposes. In matters of a general nature, such as the purchasing or selling of property, the borrowing of money, and the erection of buildings, the Trustees can determine nothing finally, but to give their acts binding force they must have the consent of a majority of the members of the congregation assembled at a meeting called for the purpose, of which at least two weeks' previous notice has been given from the pulpit. (34.)

SECTION III.—DOCTRINE.

Article 10. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments, which are called canonical, being recognized as genuine and inspired, are received as the true and proper Word of God and the ultimate rule and measure of the whole Christian faith. (13 C.)

Article 11. The Heidelberg Catechism is the only book received as an authoritative expression of the truths taught in the Holy Scriptures, and acknowledged to be the standard of doctrine in the Reformed Church. (13 C.)

CHAPTER II.—CHURCH OFFICERS.

SECTION I.—MINISTERS OF THE WORD.

Article 12. A Minister of the Word is called of Christ, and by the laying on of hands and prayer is ordained and consecrated to the ministry of reconciliation, to preach the gospel, to dispense the holy sacraments, to administer Christian discipline, and to be wholly set apart to the service of Christ in his Church. (2 C.)

Article 13. A minister, who receives a call from a charge, shall, before moving into it, and also before performing any pastoral duties in the same, present said call to Classis and signify his willingness to accept it; and if found in order, Classis shall confirm it and provide for his installation. No call, however, shall be confirmed, unless Classis be satisfied that proper provision has therein been made for the support of the pastor; nor shall any minister be installed over a congregation which is not in regular connection with Classis, and does not recognize its subjection to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States. (16 S. L.)

Article 14. Every pastor shall keep, in a book provided for the purpose which shall be a part of the records of the congregation, a complete Church Register of all baptisms, confirmations, communicants, receptions by certificate, dismissions, suspensions, excommunications, marriages and deaths. (17 S. L.)

Article 15. Every pastor shall reside within the bounds of his charge. He shall, also, at least ten days before the annual meeting of the Classis to which his charge belongs, furnish its Stated Clerk with the credentials of the Elder Primarius and Elder Secundus, elected to represent the charge; and if Synod meet in convention, he shall, at least ten days before its sessions begin, furnish the Stated Clerk thereof with the credentials of the Elder Primarius and Elder Secundus, elected to represent the charge.

Article 16. A minister shall not officiate in a pastoral charge without the consent of the pastor; nor shall he either statedly or from time to time serve a vacant congregation or charge by preaching or administering ordinances, without the consent of Classis. He shall be a member of that Classis within whose bounds he resides. (12 S. L.)

Article 17. A minister lawfully called and solemnly ordained, is bound to continue in the service of the sanctuary as long as he lives. He is not permitted to devote himself to a secular calling, without the consent of Classis. A call to labor in the educational or any other direct service of the Church, shall not be regarded as a secular vocation. (14 S. L.)

Article 18. A minister, though compelled by age, infirmity, or long service, to retire from the active duties of the ministry, still retains a seat and vote in his Classis and the Synods, and the right to perform ministerial acts within the restrictions laid upon a minister without a pastoral charge. (15 S. L.)

Article 19. Ministers from other ecclesiastical bodies shall present a regular certificate of dismission, and submit to an examination as to their orthodoxy and purity of intentions. If the examination be satisfactory, they may, upon signing the formula prescribed for licentiates, be admitted to the Church by a vote of two-thirds of the Classis. (18 S. L.)

Article 20. A minister from a foreign country must undergo a probation of at least two years, before he can be admitted to full connection with Classis, or become pastor of a charge. He may be taken under the care of Classis, and by its direction supply a charge which desires his services. (18 S. L.)

Article 21. Whenever a pastor desires to resign his charge, he shall give notice in writing of his intention to the President of Classis, and also to the Consistory, or joint Consistory of his charge; but his resignation shall not take effect unless confirmed by Classis. No minister can accept a call from another charge, until his resignation has been confirmed by Classis; nor shall a pastoral relation be dissolved, unless all arrearages to the pastor are paid, or arrangements for their payment satisfactory to Classis have been made. (18 S. L.)

Article 22. The dismission of a minister by one Classis to another, annuls his appointment to be a member of a committee, and his election to be a delegate to a Synod or the General Synod.

SECTION II.—PROFESSORS OF THEOLOGY.

Article 23. A Professor of Theology is a Minister of the Word, who has been elected to a Professorship in a Theological Institution of the Reformed Church in the United States, established to educate young men for the holy ministry, and has been duly inaugurated. (8 C.)

Article 24. No person can be elected a Professor of Theology whose views are not in accord with the doctrines of the Reformed Church, and who does not approve its mode of government, forms of worship, and distinctive customs; nor shall any minister undertake to perform the functions of a Professor of Theology, who has not been chosen by a Synod or Synods. (21 S. L.)

Article 25. As it is of the utmost importance that Professors of Theology be sound in the faith, have the requisite ability to teach, and possess the confidence of the Church, they shall always be chosen by a vote of two-thirds of the Synod or Synods to whose jurisdiction the Seminary is subject. One or more days shall intervene between the time of making the nomination or nominations, and holding the election. (20.)

Article 26. Before a Professor of Theology enters upon the duties of his office, he shall be inaugurated under the direction of the Synod or Synods by which he has been chosen. At his inauguration, he shall solemnly affirm the following declaration, as by an oath, in the presence of God, in a public assembly:

“You, N—— N——, Professor-elect of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, at ——, acknowledge sincerely before God and this assembly, that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are called canonical Scriptures, are genuine, authentic, inspired, and therefore divine Scriptures; that they contain all things which relate to the faith, the practice, and hope of the righteous, and are the only rule of faith

and practice in the Church of God ; that, consequently, no traditions, as they are called, and no mere conclusions of reason, which are contrary to the clear testimony of these Scriptures, can be received as rules of faith or of life. You acknowledge, further, that the doctrine contained in the Heidelberg Catechism is the doctrine of the Holy Scriptures, and must therefore be received as in accordance with divinely revealed truth. You declare sincerely, that, in the office you are about to assume, you will make the inviolable divine authority of the Holy Scriptures, and the truth of the doctrine contained in the Heidelberg Catechism, the basis of all your instructions, and faithfully maintain and defend the same in your preaching and writing, as well as in your instructions. You declare, finally, that you will labor, according to the ability which God may grant you, that with the divine blessing, the students intrusted to your care may become enlightened, pious, faithful and zealous ministers of the Gospel, who shall be sound in the faith." (22.)

Article 27. Professors of Theology shall explain the Holy Scriptures and defend the pure doctrine of the Gospel against errors. In their instructions to theological students, it shall be their principal aim to make them well acquainted with the true sense of the sacred Scriptures and to prepare them to preach the Gospel with power and effect. In this service they are severally required to instruct the students in Exegetical, Historical, Dogmatic, and Practical Theology. (19 & L.)

Article 28. Whenever four ministers and four elders of the church shall present to the Board of Visitors a document asserting that for a cause named in Article 29 of this Constitution, a Professor of Theology is disqualified for his office, said Board shall institute a careful examination, and if the charge be well founded, it shall refer the matter to the Synod or Synods, under whose authority the Professor holds his office, for revision and final disposition. (23.)

Article 29. A Professor of Theology continues in office during his life, unless he becomes disqualified for its duties by falling into heterodoxy or vice, or by physical or mental infirmities. In such cases the Synod or Synods shall, upon their attention being formally directed thereto by the Board of Visitors, to whose supervision the internal matters of the Seminary are committed, institute an investigation, and after mature inquiry, decide as the honor of religion, the welfare of the Church, and justice toward the Professor, shall require. (20.)

Article 30. A Professor of Theology who has spent his best days in this office, and has been rendered incapable of further service by infirmities, shall not be displaced without having such provision made for his support as his necessities may require, and the Synod or Synods shall be able to make. When a Professor wishes to resign his office, he shall give written notice thereof to the President of the Board of Visitors six months previous to the time the resignation is to go into effect. (20.)

SECTION III.—ELDERS.

Article 31. An Elder is chosen by a congregation to assist and support the pastor in the spiritual affairs of the church, and is ordained to his office by the laying on of hands and prayer. (4 C.)

Article 32. The Elders are elected by the congregation, for a term of years, by a majority of the votes polled, and may from time to time be re-elected. The number of Elders in each congregation, and their term of office, are determined by the constitution or charter of the congregation. When elected for the first time, they shall be publicly and solemnly ordained to their office. After their ordination, they with those who may have been re-elected, shall be installed. (25.)

Article 33. It is the duty of each Elder to take heed that the Minister, together with his fellow Elders and Deacons, faithfully discharge their respective duties. The Elders shall aid in visiting the sick, and contribute, according to

their ability, to the instruction, improvement, and consolation of the members. No one shall be elected to this office unless he be a communicant member, and cordially devoted to the service of Christ. (24.)

SECTION IV.—DEACONS.

Article 34. A Deacon is chosen by a congregation to gather and disburse the alms and other offerings of the people, and is ordained to his office by the laying on of hands and prayer. (5 C.)

Article 35. It is the duty of the Deacons to provide for the support of the Minister, to look after the poor and destitute, and to see that the charities of the congregation are wisely applied. They shall also procure the elements for the Lord's Supper, and maintain order in the house of God. The laws established for Elders apply also to the election, ordination, and installation of Deacons. (26.)

CHAPTER III.—CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

SECTION I.—CHURCH COURTS IN GENERAL.

Article 36. The Church Courts shall take cognizance only of ecclesiastical matters. They possess the right to require obedience to the laws of Christ and his Church, and to punish the disobedient by the exercise of Christian Discipline. (40.)

Article 37. Cases of discipline, over which a lower court has original jurisdiction, can be brought before a higher court only by appeal, complaint, or reference, unless it can be shown that the lower court has neglected its duty. (41.)

Article 38. Classes or Synods, which prevailingly use the same language in public worship, shall not occupy the same territory. (41.)

Article 39. From the credentials of the delegates, *primarii* and *secundi*, the Stated Clerk of a Classis, Synod, or the General Synod, shall prepare the roll in advance of the regular meeting. The sessions of every Church Court shall be opened with religious service.

Article 40. The Classes, Synods, and the General Synod, shall elect a President, Stated Clerk, and such other officers as they respectively may deem necessary, and for a term of one year, of three years, or of six years. (42.)

Article 41. When a Church Court meets as a delegated body, the delegates to it shall be elected by the Courts which they respectively represent, from among the members having a vote in the same at the time of election, and in all such elections a double number of persons shall be nominated. The one-half having the higher number of votes shall be the *primarii*, and the remainder the *secundi*, to succeed the *primarii* in the order of the number of votes received in both cases. Should the seat of a *primarius* be vacant and his *secundus* absent, it may be occupied by any other *secundus* from among the number of the *secundi* present, in the order in which they stand on the list of delegates. A Minister or Elder can be delegated to the same body only thrice in immediate succession. (42.)

Article 42. Delegates to a Church Court, must be punctual in attending its meetings and remain during the whole of its sessions. All failures in this respect, without sufficient reason, will subject them to the censure of the body they represent. The expenses incurred by the delegates in attending to their duties must be provided for by the Courts which elect them. (43.)

Article 43. Credentials that are irregular or disputed, shall be referred to a special committee, which shall report within one day after its appointment.

Article 44. At a special meeting of a Church Court, action can be taken only on those items of business that are named in the call. (68.)

Article 45. Should unforeseen circumstances render it necessary, either the time or place or both, of the regular meeting of a Classis, Synod, or the Gen-

eral Synod, may be changed by its President, at the written request of five members for a Classis, of ten members for a Synod, and of twenty members for the General Synod: *Provided*, that for a Classis two weeks; for a Synod four weeks; and for the General Synod six weeks previous notice be given through a circular addressed to all its members by the Stated Clerk. (60.)

Article 46. At least one member of every committee appointed by a Classis, Synod, or the General Synod, shall be an Elder; a committee to ordain a Licentiate, install a Pastor, inaugurate a Professor of Theology, and the Executive Committee of a Classis, excepted. Every member of a Church Court is permitted to speak on all questions under consideration. He shall also have the right to vote, unless he be a party to the question at issue.

Article 47. Delegates from denominations in correspondence with the General Synod have a seat as advisory members, but no vote. The same privilege shall be accorded to every Minister and Elder of the Reformed Church, who may be present at a meeting of a Church Court, though not entitled to a seat as a regular member. Ministers from other denominations, who may be in attendance, shall be recognized and welcomed by the President, but cannot be admitted to seats as advisory members. (44.)

Article 48. A party to a judicial case, who feels aggrieved by the decision of a lower Court may, unless the action be necessarily final, appeal to the next higher Court; but, in that event, must give distinct and immediate notice in writing, and within ten days thereafter file his reasons with the President of the Court from whose decision he appeals. By failing to appear either in person, or by an attorney, before the higher Court on or before the third day of its sessions, he forfeits his appeal. Whatever, by a majority of votes, is concluded in the last Court to which the appeal is taken, shall be valid and binding. (45.)

Article 49. In a case of prosecution, appeal or complaint, the Court in which it begins shall appoint a committee to take charge of the same, until the final issue be reached.

Article 50. No testimony in case of an appeal or complaint shall be admitted in the higher Court which has not been brought before the lower, except by the consent of both parties. If new evidence arises, which is likely materially to alter the aspect of the case, it must be sent back to the lower Court for a new investigation. (47.)

Article 51. In order to prevent vexation and delay in the judicial proceedings of any Court, by means of successive appeals, the party who may consider himself aggrieved by a decision upon an incidental question which may arise before a final sentence is pronounced, may state his objections, and require to have the same noted in the minutes of the proceedings, to the end that he may avail himself thereof in an appeal from the final sentence, without arresting the investigation or trial. And every decision objected to, as well as the objections, shall be distinctly stated in the minutes of the Court, and sent up with the appeal to the higher Court for review. (49.)

Article 52. An appeal arrests the execution of a sentence: but if the sentence be suspension, deposition or excommunication, it shall remain in force until reversed. (48.)

Article 53. Any member or members, who have voted in the minority in a decision affecting the Constitution of the Church, or the interests of religion, may carry up such a decision to a higher Court by way of complaint for examination and supervision; provided they have given to the Court of which they complain, as in the case of an appeal, due notice, together with the reasons for such complaint. (50.)

Article 54. Should a lower Court pass an action of censure or reproof upon an individual, or individuals, in their absence, the Stated Clerk shall give those concerned immediate notice; and should they feel aggrieved, they shall have ten days from the date of receiving notice, within which to notify the President

of their purpose to carry the matter up to the next higher Court by way of complaint, and ten days additional to file with him their reasons for the complaint. (51.)

Article 55. No member of a Court shall be allowed to enter a protest against its acts. A member who dissents shall have the right to require the names of all members present who voted for or against the act, to be entered on the Minutes, and published therewith for the information of all concerned. (58.)

Article 56. Members who have voted in the lower Court upon a case of appeal or complaint, shall not be allowed to vote on any question connected with the appeal or complaint in either of the higher Courts. (64.)

SECTION II.—THE CONSISTORY.

Article 57. The Minister or Ministers, the Elders and the Deacons of a congregation, constitute its Consistory, to which the general oversight and government of the organization are committed. The Minister or Ministers, and the elders, together constitute the *Spiritual Council*, which alone administers all the spiritual affairs of the congregation. (9 C.)

Article 58. The Pastor shall be President of the Consistory, and also of the Spiritual Council. If there be two or more Pastors, they shall preside in turn. At a meeting of either body, a majority of its members shall be a quorum. When a charge is vacant, one of the Elders shall act as President. (55.)

Article 59. The Consistory, or if the pastoral charge embraces more than one congregation, the Joint Consistory, shall annually elect two Elders, the one to be Primarius, and the other Secundus, to represent the charge in Classis, and in Synod, if it meet in convention. In managing the general affairs of the congregation, the Consistory calls congregational meetings, orders collections for benevolent purposes, distributes alms through the Deacons, annually audits the Treasurer's account, and makes due provision for the support of the Pastor.—(56.)

Article 60. In the calling or dismissal of a minister, and in all matters of general interest, the Consistory can determine nothing conclusively without the consent of a majority of the members of the congregation present at a meeting duly called for the purpose, of which at least two weeks' public notice shall have been given. It is the duty of the Consistory to keep a full and accurate record of all its proceedings, whether sitting as a Consistory or as a Spiritual Council, and to submit the same to Classis whenever requested so to do. (56.)

Article 61. If a pastoral charge be vacant, the Consistory or Joint Consistory, shall furnish the Stated Clerk of Classis, and also the Stated Clerk of Synod, whenever it meets in convention, with the credentials of the Elder Primarius and Elder Secundus, elected to represent the charge, at least ten days before the opening of the sessions of Classis or Synod.

Article 62. It is the duty of the Spiritual Council to watch over the members of the congregation, to guard the doctrine of Christ, and to maintain strict and wholesome discipline. The Spiritual Council alone has power to admit members to full communion, and to exclude therefrom any who may err from the faith or offend in their morals. (57.)

Article 63. When a charge is without a Pastor, the Consistory or Joint Consistory, shall diligently seek for a suitable Minister. The Minister or Licentiate selected shall be invited to visit the congregation or congregations, and preach to the people, due provision being made for his necessary expenses. If the Consistory or Joint Consistory deem it advisable, they shall propose him as a candidate for the pastorate, to be voted upon at a meeting called for the purpose. The members shall vote simply for or against him, and if a majority of the votes be cast in his favor, he is elected, and the Consistory or Joint Consistory, shall make out a call to him according to the form prescribed by the General Synod. Until the case of the candidate has been finally disposed of, no

other Minister or Licentiate shall be brought before the congregation or congregations, with a view to settlement as pastor. (59.)

Article 64. All special meetings of the Consistory or Spiritual Council shall be called by the President; or in his absence or inability to act, by the Secretary, when requested in writing to do so by a majority of the members. The Pastor may, at any time, upon his own responsibility, convene the Consistory or Spiritual Council in special session. Of all special meetings of the Consistory, however, at least three days' notice shall be given to all its members. (58.)

Article 65. A Consistory feeling aggrieved by the decision of Classis, has the right to appeal to Synod; but the appeal must be made by the Consistory, when regularly convened, and notice thereof, with the reasons for the appeal, must be filed with the President of Classis within thirty days after the decision was rendered. (46.)

SECTION III.—THE CLASSIS.

Article 66. The Classis consists of the Ministers, residing within a district designated by the Synod, and of the Elders delegated by the pastoral charges situated within these limits, and has jurisdiction over said Ministers and pastoral charges. (10 C.)

Article 67. A Classis shall embrace at least three pastoral charges, and as many ordained Ministers. It shall meet annually at the time and place appointed at a previous meeting. Three Ministers and two Elders, or two Ministers and three Elders, regularly convened, shall constitute a quorum. (60.)

Article 68. Every pastoral charge is represented in Classis by its Minister or Ministers, and one delegated Elder. A vacant charge is represented by an Elder. An Elder delegated by a congregation, not constituted a pastoral charge, shall be permitted to participate in the proceedings of Classis, but shall not be entitled to vote. (61.)

Article 69. The annual meeting of a Classis shall be opened with divine service including the preaching of a sermon by the President or one of its members designated by himself or the Classis; after which the organization shall be effected and the business transacted according to the Rules prescribed for the Classes by the General Synod. (62.)

Article 70. Immediately after the organization, the President shall appoint the Standing Committees of Classis, called for by the Rules of Order. The reports of the Committees on Minutes of Classis, Minutes of Synod, and Overtures, shall exhibit those items which claim the attention of Classis, either as subjects on which it may decide, or as considerations, by which it may be guided in forming decisions. (63.)

Article 71. At the annual meeting, every Pastor shall present a parochial and a statistical report, and every Minister, though without a charge, a report of his labors. If expecting to be absent, they shall forward their respective reports to the Stated Clerk three days before the meeting. The parochial report shall contain a full account of the temporal and spiritual condition of the charge and of the labors of the Pastor. The President, or any member of Classis, may put to the Pastor and Elder such questions as may be requisite to elicit additional information, among which questions may be such as pertain to Church discipline, pastoral visitation, and the payment of the Pastor's salary. The statistical report shall be prepared according to the form approved by the General Synod. If a charge be vacant, this report shall be furnished by the Consistory or Joint Consistory. On the basis of all these parochial and statistical reports, the Committee on the State of Religion shall prepare a general report for Classis. (64.)

Article 72. In every Classis is vested the power to examine and license students of theology: to ordain Licentiates; to constitute and dissolve pastoral relations; to dismiss Ministers and Licentiates; to depose or otherwise punish, according to his desert, a member of its own body; to re-instate a Minister

whom it has suspended or deposed, when trustworthy evidence of repentance and reformation appears. (65.)

Article 73. Classis reviews the records of the congregations and approves or disapproves them; decides all cases of appeal or complaint from Consistories, as well as all questions respecting Ministers or Congregations, which may arise within its jurisdiction and are regularly brought before it: such as constituting new congregations; determining boundaries of congregations and charges; deciding controversies between existing congregations; forming, re-constructing, or dissolving charges, as may be requested, or the Classis may deem expedient. (65.)

Article 74. Neither a Minister nor a Licentiate can be received by a Classis until he has presented a certificate of dismissal from the Classis to which he last belonged, and no reception of a minister from another denomination shall be final until it is confirmed by Synod. Until a Minister or Licentiate has been received and due notice of his reception given, he continues amenable to the Classis that dismissed him. (66.)

Article 75. No Classis shall refuse to receive a Minister or Licentiate honorably dismissed to it by another, unless there be manifest grounds of objection against his doctrine or morals, in which case the certificate of dismissal shall be returned to the Classis, with a specific statement of the grounds of objection; whereupon the Classis shall take these objections into consideration, and if it find no sufficient reason to change its action, the whole question shall be referred to Synod for decision. (66.)

Article 76. Whenever a Minister or Licentiate for three years in succession, either wilfully neglects to attend the annual meetings of his Classis, or fails to report to it, he renders himself liable to suspension from office, and the Classis shall at once cite him for trial, and proceed in his case according to the Constitution of the Church. (67.)

Article 77. Every Classis shall decide upon an ordinance or amendment to the Constitution, at the first annual meeting after it has been proposed, and transmit the precise action thereupon to the next regular meeting of the General Synod. (65.)

Article 78. The President may, whenever he shall deem it necessary, on his own responsibility, call a special meeting of Classis through a circular addressed to each member at least two weeks before the meeting. Whenever requested in writing by two Ministers and two Elders of the Classis to call a special meeting, he shall not refuse to do so, if assured that the party or parties for whose benefit it is called will provide for the expenses incurred. In case of the death or removal of the President, or if the business to be transacted implicates him, the power of calling the meeting is vested in the next highest officer, the Treasurer excepted. Should either of these contingencies exist with respect to the remaining officers, two Ministers and two Elders, members of the Classis, can call the meeting. (68.)

Article 79. A Classis may have an *Executive Committee*, consisting of three ministers. The President of Classis shall be one of them; the other two shall be elected for a term of three years. This Committee represents the Classis during the interval between the annual meetings, and executes all its acts for which no special provision has been made. In all cases, where between the parties concerned there is no question at issue, it shall have power, subject to the approval of Classis, to dissolve a pastoral relation, dismiss or receive a Minister or Licentiate, confirm a call, appoint a committee to ordain a Licentiate, install a Pastor, permit a Minister or Licentiate to preach for a vacant congregation or pastoral charge, aid a vacant congregation in securing a Pastor or procuring a supply, and exercise a general supervision over the interests of the Church, within the bounds of

Classis. The Committee shall, at the close of the year, present a full report of its doings to Classis for revision. (68.)

Article 80. A Classis feeling aggrieved by the decision of Synod, has the right to appeal to the General Synod; but the appeal must be made by the Classis when regularly convened, and notice thereof, with the reasons for the appeal, must be filed with the President of Synod, within thirty days after the decision was rendered. (46.)

Article 81. The Stated Clerk shall have charge of the books and papers of Classis, and issue all its official documents signed by himself and the President, with the seal of Classis affixed. He shall transmit to Synod, at its annual meetings, a certified copy of the Minutes of all the meetings held during the year, in the form and order required by the Rules of Synod. He shall furnish pastoral charges and individuals with a certified copy of any proceedings in which they are specially concerned. If Synod meet as a delegated body, he shall furnish its Stated Clerk with the credentials of the delegates, *Primarii* and *Secundi*, elected to represent Classis, at least ten days before its annual meeting. He shall, also, at least thirty days before the regular meeting of the General Synod, furnish its Stated Clerk with the credentials of the delegates, *Primarii* and *Secundi*, elected to represent Classis. (69.)

SECTION IV.—THE SYNOD.

Article 82. A Synod is composed of four or more Classes, designated by the General Synod, and has jurisdiction over the same. It shall meet annually, either in convention or as a delegated body. If in convention, it consists of all its Ministers and one Elder from each pastoral charge; if as a delegated body, it consists of the Ministers and Elders chosen by its Classes, according to a basis of representation adopted by itself, with the concurrence of at least two-thirds of the Classes. (11 C.)

Article 83. At least four adjacent Classes are required to constitute either an English or a German Synod. Any number of members convened at the time and place appointed for the meeting, in which a majority of the Classes is represented, and of whom at least one-third are Elders, shall constitute a quorum. (70.)

Article 84. The annual sessions shall be opened with divine service including the preaching of a sermon by the President, or some member designated by himself or the Synod; after which the organization shall be effected and the business transacted according to the Rules prescribed for the Synods by the General Synod. (71.)

Article 85. Each Synod shall annually review the proceedings of its Classes. The report of the committee on this subject shall embrace the following topics:

1. *Things Censurable*, either as a violation of the Constitution of the Church, an offense against propriety, or a neglect of duty.
2. *Requests and References* from the Classes to the Synod.
3. *Appeals and Complaints* to Synod.
4. *Decisions of Classes* on subjects referred to them by the Synod.
5. *Licenses, Ordinations, Ministers received, dismissed, suspended or deposed.*
Licentiate received or dismissed and licenses revoked.

6. *Time and place of next annual meeting of each Classis, its President, Stated Clerk, Treasurer, and number of Copies of Minutes* requested, in English or German. (72.)

Article 86. Each Synod has the power to receive and determine appeals and complaints from the Classes; to give advice in a case referred to it by a Classis; to establish new Classes within its own limits, and to determine all controversies between Classes, and between Ministers and Congregations of two or more Classes. An existing Classis, however, can neither be dissolved nor any part of it united to another, without its consent. The decision of Synod in cases of

appeal or complaint shall be final, except on questions concerning Doctrine, Cultus and the Constitution of the Church. (72.)

Article 87. A Synod by itself or in connection with one or more adjacent Synods, may establish and maintain Colleges and other Literary Institutions, as may be deemed necessary, and shall have full control over them. The Professors and other officers shall be amenable only to the Synod or Synods by which they are sustained. (73.)

Article 88. A Synod may also by itself or in connection with one or more adjacent Synods, with the consent of the General Synod, establish a Theological Seminary. The Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors shall be elected by said Synod or Synods. (74.)

Article 89. Each Synod shall either by itself or in connection with one or more adjacent Synods, educate young men for the Gospel ministry, and diligently prosecute the work of Church Extension, Home Missions and Foreign Missions; and each branch of benevolence may be intrusted to a Commission or Board. (75.)

Article 90. A Synod may either by itself or in connection with one or more adjacent Synods, establish and maintain a Board of Publication, whose particular purpose shall be the publication and sale of such Church papers and religious books as are adapted to promote sound knowledge and true religion in Sunday-schools and among Church members. The Board shall annually submit for revision a full statement of its condition and operations during the year.

Article 91. A special meeting of Synod may be called by the President at the written request of four ministers and four elders, members of Synod, specifying the particular business to be transacted. Notice thereof shall be given to the members through a circular, issued by the Stated Clerk, at the direction of the President, at least three weeks before the meeting. (76.)

Article 92. All credentials, calls to Professors, and agreements to which Synod is a party, shall be signed by the President and Stated Clerk, with the seal of Synod attached. The Stated Clerk shall subscribe all extracts from the Records of Synod, and have charge of the records, papers and seal of Synod; and shall also submit two or more copies of its proceedings at every meeting held during the year, duly authenticated, to the General Synod at its regular meeting, for examination and review. (77.)

SECTION V.—THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Article 93. The General Synod represents the whole Church, and is composed of Ministers and Elders delegated by the Classes. It is the highest Church Court, and the last resort on all questions concerning the Government, Doctrine and Cultus of the Church. It bears the following title: "*The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*" (12 C.)

Article 94. In the General Synod, each Classis is entitled to be represented by one Minister and one Elder. Any number of delegates convened at the time and place appointed for the meeting, in which the majority of the Classis is represented, and one-third of whom at least are Elders, shall constitute a quorum. (78.)

Article 95. The General Synod shall meet triennially at the time and place appointed at the last regular meeting. The sessions shall be opened with divine service, including the preaching of a sermon by the President, or some member designated by himself or the General Synod; after which the organization shall be effected and the business transacted according to its own Rules of Order. (79.)

Article 96. A special meeting of the General Synod may be called by the President, at the written request of twenty members, representing a majority of the Synods, and of whom one-third are Elders. Notice thereof shall be

given to the members through a circular, issued by the Stated Clerk, at least six weeks before the meeting. (79.)

Article 97. The General Synod shall review the proceedings of the Synods, and approve or disapprove their acts. It has power to maintain correspondence with Sister Churches, to receive and determine appeals and complaints, within the limits laid down in this Constitution, and also to give counsel in cases referred to it by one or more Synods. It may likewise, from time to time, at the request of four adjacent Classes, which prevaillingly use the same language, and with the consent of the Synod or Synods within whose bounds they lie, constitute them a Synod. (80.)

Article 98. The General Synod shall give all due attention to the work of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Church Extension, each of these interests to be managed and controlled by a specific Board, appointed by the General Synod, according to the provision made for such purpose in the Charter or Constitution obtained or adopted by each Board for its government, with the approval of the General Synod, and shall submit a report of its work and proceedings to the General Synod at each of its regular sessions. (82.)

Article 99. The General Synod may appoint a committee consisting of fifteen members, representing at least five Synods, and change it either wholly or in part at a regular meeting, which shall be empowered at any time to examine into the doctrine, cultus, and internal management of any one or all of the Theological Seminaries of the Reformed Church in the United States. If an examination has been instituted, the committee shall report the result of their inquiries; and any items reported may at the discretion of the General Synod be referred to the Synod, or Board or Committee, having jurisdiction in the premises. The said committee shall not, however, interfere with any arrangement or authority of the respective Synods, or their Boards or Committees. (81.)

Article 100. The General Synod shall prepare, and at a regular meeting may alter or amend by a vote of two-thirds, forms of a Charter for a congregation; a Constitution for a congregation; a Constitution for a Joint Consistory; Certificate of Licensure; Testimonials of Ordination; Certificate of Dismission of a Minister; Call to a Minister; Call to a Professor of Theology; Certificate of Dismission of a Church Member; Certificate of Marriage; Statistical Report of a pastoral charge; Statistical report of a Classis; Statistical Report of a Synod; a Church Register; Bill of Indictment; Citation of an Accused Person; Citation of a Witness; Form for Swearing a Witness and Form for Affirming a Witness; Order of Business and Rules of Order for the Classes, the Synods, and the General Synod. (84.)

Article 101. All proposed ordinances, or changes in the ordinances of the Church, such as this Constitution, a Catechism, a Hymn Book, and a Liturgy, must first be approved by a vote of two-thirds of the General Synod at a regular meeting, and then submitted to all the Classes for adoption or rejection. If at the next regular meeting it shall appear that the proposed ordinance or amendments to this Constitution have been adopted by two-thirds of all the Classes voting thereupon, the General Synod shall declare the fact, and it shall be of binding authority in the whole Church. Those Classes omitting to vote or failing to report their action to the General Synod, shall not be counted in making up the result. (19 C, and 85 S. L.)

Article 102. The original records of all proceedings of the General Synod, and all documents, letters and papers having reference to its proceedings, shall be carefully preserved by the Stated Clerk, and deposited in such a place as the General Synod shall direct; and no document or paper shall be removed therefrom by any person whatever, without leave previously obtained from the General Synod, or, during its recess, from its Stated Clerk. (121.)

CHAPTER IV.—CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

SECTION I.—STUDENTS OF THEOLOGY.

Article 103. Every student of theology must place himself under the care of a Classis, and pursue his course of study at a theological institution of the Church, unless excused therefrom by a vote of two-thirds of the Classis. The Classis shall institute an examination, and if the result be satisfactory, it shall take him under its care and exercise proper supervision over his studies and Christian deportment. (1 S. L.)

Article 104. A student of theology shall annually submit to his Classis a written report of the progress he has made in his studies. He cannot perform ministerial functions. He may, during his senior year, with the consent of the Faculty of the Seminary, occasionally preach to a congregation, when invited to do so by the pastor, or, in case of a vacancy, by those who have control of the pulpit. (2 & 3 S. L.)

SECTION II.—LICENTIATES.

Article 105. A Licentiate is a student of theology, who having been examined by his Classis, has been authorized to preach the Gospel, and to accept a call from a pastoral charge or missionary field. (4 S. L.)

Article 106. Whenever a student of theology desires to submit to an examination with a view to licensure, he shall present to his Classis a written request to that effect, and the certificate from the Theological Seminary stating that he has completed the prescribed course of study. Every such examination shall be open to all the members of Classis, and embrace all the subjects taught in the Theological Seminary. Very particular attention shall be paid to his piety, the purity of his intentions in seeking the ministry, his orthodoxy, and his ability to teach. The report of such examination shall not enter into particulars, but simply state the result as satisfactory or unsatisfactory. (5 S. L.)

Article 107. In extraordinary cases, and for good reasons, applicants for licensure may be admitted to the ministry, who have not completed the full course of study prescribed for the Theological Seminary; but, in all such cases, a unanimous vote of the Classis is required to authorize the license. (5 S. L.)

Article 108. The examination of the applicant having been sustained, he shall attest his adherence to the Church in its doctrines and discipline, by subscribing the following Formula, in a book to be provided and kept for that purpose:

"We, the undersigned, severally hereby testify, that we honestly and truly hold the doctrine of the Heidelberg Catechism to be the doctrine revealed to us in the Bible, and promise, moreover, faithfully to preach and defend the same. We also declare and promise, that we will carefully observe and comply with all the ordinances in accordance with the Word of God, which are now, or may be hereafter, introduced by the authorities of the Church; and also that we will cheerfully and readily receive and submit to all their admonitions and decisions so long as we remain in connection with the Reformed Church."

Having subscribed the foregoing Formula, the Licentiate shall be furnished with a certificate of Licensure, bearing the seal of Classis and the signatures of the President and Stated Clerk. (7 S. L.)

Article 109. A Licentiate is permitted to preach the Word; but shall not administer the sacraments, perform the rite of confirmation, pronounce the benediction, or solemnize marriage. He is under the care and jurisdiction of his Classis, must attend its meetings and submit a report of his labors; but has neither a vote in Classis, nor can he represent it in a higher Court. (8 S. L.)

Article 110. No Licentiate shall be admitted to ordination, unless he be twenty-one years of age, and has received a call from a pastoral charge, or has been appointed to a mission; and no Classis shall ordain him, unless his call

proceed from a pastoral charge within its bounds. In the case of a Licentiate, the acts of ordination and installation may take place at the same time. If appointed to a mission, or if called to a Professorship in an authorized Theological or Literary Institution of the Church, he may be ordained by his Classis or Synod. (9 & 10 S. L.)

Article 111. A Licentiate shall neither statedly nor from time to time preach for a vacant congregation or pastoral charge, without the consent of Classis. He shall be a member of that Classis within whose bounds he resides. (12 S. L.)

Article 112. Licentiates from other ecclesiastical bodies must be examined in the same manner as students of theology. (11 S. L.)

CHAPTER V.—CULTUS.

SECTION I.—THE SACRAMENTS.

Article 113. The Sacraments of the Church, according to the institution of Christ, are two: Holy Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. (14 C.)

Article 114. The children of communicant members are ingrafted into the Church by baptism, and subject to its care and discipline. It is their duty, as soon as they are old enough to learn the Catechism and to be benefited by the Pastor's instruction, to become members of the catechetical class. (86.)

Article 115. A child may be baptized, if one of its parents be a member; but if neither of them be such, it must remain for the present unbaptized. Should, however, one of its parents manifest a desire to be admitted to the communion of the Church, and promise to profit by the next opportunity, the child may be baptized. (86.)

Article 116. Sponsors may be admitted in the baptism of infants; but the parents themselves must be present, answer every question, and assume every obligation. No person, however, shall be a sponsor who is not in full communion with a branch of the Christian Church. This, in conjunction with the previous article, shall not be so construed as to prevent persons who adopt orphans or other children into their families, from offering them to God in Baptism. (87.)

Article 117. Adults shall be baptized, if the minister has ascertained that they possess correct views of Christian doctrine, and have an earnest desire and willingness to yield obedience to the requirements of Christ. But if in these respects he discover deficiencies, he shall direct them to attend the usual catechetical instructions, and shall afterward proceed in relation to them, as with catechumens. If this, however, be impracticable, he shall in some way suitably instruct them. If they, notwithstanding, still continue without the requisite qualifications, he shall refer them to some future time. (88.)

Article 118. Baptism shall be administered publicly in the church, and not elsewhere, unless special circumstances render it necessary. The office provided for such purpose in the Liturgy of the Church shall be used. In the case of adults the rite of confirmation shall follow immediately upon their baptism. (89.)

Article 119. At least twice a year the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be publicly observed in every congregation, and the celebration shall be conducted according to the established order of the Reformed Church. (90.)

Article 120. If any member, through sickness or infirmity, be not able to come to the house of God, and yet desires to receive the communion, it may be administered to him privately. The bread and wine consecrated in the Church shall be used. An Elder may convey the elements to the sick and infirm, to whom the Pastor cannot personally minister. One or more persons should join in the private communion; and one or more Elders ought to be present. (90.)

Article 121. None but regular members of the Church shall be admitted to the communion of the Lord's Supper. Communicant members in good standing of neighboring congregations, and of other denominations, holding the

essential doctrines of the Gospel, may be invited to unite in the observance of this sacrament. (91.)

Article 122. A service shall be held preparatory to the observance of the Lord's Supper; and the names of all communicants shall be recorded. Before the communion is administered, the Pastor and Elders shall diligently inquire whether any member has departed from the doctrine of the Church in faith or practice, to the end that all improper persons may be excluded from the Lord's table; and if the Elders neglect this duty, the Pastor is empowered to exercise this discipline alone. (92.)

SECTION II.—CHURCH RITES.

Article 123. Confirmation, Ordination, Marriage and Burial, are solemn Church Rites. (15 C.)

Article 124. Every Pastor shall give special attention to the instruction of the youth in his congregation, with particular reference to their preparation for confirmation. The Heidelberg Catechism shall be used in such instruction. No other shall be employed, unless it has been approved by the Church Courts. (93.)

Article 125. Before confirmation, the Pastor, in the presence of the Elders, shall diligently examine the candidates, whether they understand the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion, have experienced the power of them upon their hearts, and are governed by them in their lives. Those who continue ignorant of the Gospel, and do not warrant a reasonable hope that they will be faithful to Christ, shall not be admitted to confirmation. (94.)

Article 126. The rites of Ordination, Confirmation, solemnization of marriage, and burial of the dead, shall be administered according to the order prescribed in the Liturgy of the Church. (95.)

SECTION III.—WORSHIP.

Article 127. No Order of Worship shall be observed, and no selection of hymns used, unless approved by the Church Courts. (16 C. & 96 S. L.)

Article 128. The principal days of the Church Year—Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday—ought to be religiously observed by congregations and families. (97.)

Article 129. The Lord's Day (Sunday) shall be kept as a holy day, devoted to the public worship of the Lord in the sanctuary; to reading of holy Scriptures, private devotions, and to works of love and mercy. Meetings for prayer, and family worship, are also commended as important religious services. (98.)

CHAPTER VI.—DISCIPLINE.

SECTION I.—MEMBERS.

Article 130. Christian Discipline is the exercise of the authority, and the application of those laws, which the Lord Jesus Christ has established in His Church, with a view to preserve its purity and honor, and to promote the spiritual welfare of its members. All Christian Discipline, therefore, is spiritual; and nothing shall be admitted as matter of accusation, or considered an offense, which cannot be proved to be such from the Scriptures, or the regulations of the Church. (17. C.)

Article 131. If baptized members fall into sinful ways, the Pastor and Elders shall remind the parents or sponsors of their duty in regard to them, and shall also, by direct approach, seek to bring them to the obedience of Christ. (99.)

Article 132. Private offenses are known to a second individual only, or, at most, to very few persons. No private offense shall be brought before the Spiritual Council, if evidence of repentance is apparent after the delinquent has

been admonished privately, or in the presence of two or three witnesses. Nor shall the Spiritual Council take action until the rule prescribed by our Lord in Matthew xviii. 15-17, has been observed. Those who neglect these preparatory steps, and in any way give unnecessary publicity to the faults of their brethren, or undertake to become accusers or informers, render themselves liable to the censure of the Church. (100.)

Article 133. If a member give offense by open sin, he shall first be privately admonished by the Pastor, or an Elder. If he does not amend, he shall be admonished the second time in the presence of two or three witnesses. If deemed judicious, the admonition may be again repeated. If this discipline fails of its end, the offender shall be regularly cited to appear before the Spiritual Council, who, after a careful investigation, shall deal with him, if found guilty, as the nature of the offense and the honor of the Church may require. (101.)

Article 134. Members of the Church, who, upon being convicted of an offense, obstinately reject the admonitions of the Spiritual Council, or who have committed an act of public scandal, shall be suspended from the communion of the Church. Those thus suspended shall be treated not as enemies, but as erring brethren, and shall be admonished as such, agreeably to the Apostolic direction, 2 Thess. iii. 6-15. But if this suspension and these admonitions be ineffectual, offenders shall be excommunicated, and no intercourse held with them. Matthew xviii. 15-17. A suspension may or may not be announced to the congregation at the discretion of the Spiritual Council; a sentence of excommunication, however, shall always be publicly pronounced. (102.)

Article 135. The following sins especially claim the attention of the Church Courts, and merit discipline: heresy, blasphemy, schism, perjury, adultery, fraud, contentiousness, intemperance, falsehood, licentiousness, cruelty, covetousness, gross profanation of the Lord's day, and others of a similar character. No complaints in case of scandal shall be heard unless presented within one year after the offense is alleged to have been committed. (103.)

Article 136. The power of suspension from the communion of the Church belongs to the Spiritual Council; but if the Council should neglect to convene at the time appointed, after being duly notified, the Pastor may sit alone as a Court to try an individual, and, on finding him guilty, pronounce the same sentence. If an offense be so gross that forbearance would bring dishonor upon the religion of Jesus, and be a cause of scandal, the Spiritual Council shall, immediately upon the conviction of the offender, separate him from the Church, and put the evil from it, agreeably to 1 Cor. v. 1-13. (104.)

Article 137. If a member, after admonition by the Pastor, or Elders, continue to neglect his duty or permanently absent himself, such conduct shall be considered an offense against good order, and render him liable to discipline. (105.)

Article 138. A member of the Church summoned to be a witness, and refusing to appear and give testimony, may be censured for contumacy.

SECTION II.—CHURCH OFFICERS.

Article 139. If a Minister, Elder or Deacon fall into sin, his brethren in office shall first kindly, but faithfully, admonish him, and pray with him that he may overcome the Evil One. (106.)

Article 140. If an Elder or Deacon commit an offense which brings dishonor upon the Church, or is punishable by the civil court, he shall, upon trial and conviction, be removed from his office by the Spiritual Council. If the offender be a Minister, the Spiritual Council shall prevent him from further prosecuting his ministerial functions, and immediately refer him to be tried by his Classis. The proceedings of the Spiritual Council in such cases are not to be considered a trial, but only a prudent interference and binding over of the accused to the judgment of his peers. (107.)

Article 141. If an ill report concerning a Minister, an Elder, or a Deacon, be

in circulation, the Spiritual Council shall institute an immediate investigation, and proceed as the interests of religion and justice to the individual may require. If such ill report concern a Minister, the Classis shall appoint a committee of their own body to investigate the case, without waiting to be requested by the Spiritual Council. But if Classis discover that the Spiritual Council is already occupied with it, they shall await the result of this inquiry. (108.)

Article 142. To establish an accusation against a Minister or Elder, the testimony of at least two witnesses is required. If, however, an Elder or a Minister be accused of a repetition of the same offense, the testimony of one witness for each commission of the act may be considered sufficient. (109.)

Article 148. If a Minister be deposed from his office, the relation existing between him and his pastoral charge is thereby dissolved.

SECTION III.—PROCESS AND TRIAL.

Article 144. All processes before a Church court must be based either on *general rumor or individual accusation*. In the former case the Church Court itself reduces the charge or charges to writing; in the latter, the accuser or accusers shall give the Court a definite statement of the charge or charges preferred. The accused shall be regularly cited to appear for trial. All citations ordered by a Court must be signed by the President or Stated Clerk, and served the first time on the parties concerned at least ten days before the trial. The citation shall be accompanied with a copy of the charge or charges, and the names of the witnesses that are to appear against him, and also with a statement of the time and place of the commission of the offense. (110.)

Article 145. Should the facts of an offense alleged against a person lie at a distance without the bounds of the charge or Classis of which he is a member, his own Court may either appoint a committee, or request a Church Court more conveniently situated to take the testimony, always giving the accused due notice of the time and place of such examination; and in like manner shall the accused, if he wish to procure testimony at a distance for his own exculpation, give due notice to the Spiritual Council or Classis of such intention. (111.)

Article 146. Should the accused refuse to obey the summons, he shall be cited a second time to appear as soon as the Court may deem reasonable, and if he still refuse to appear, he shall not only be liable to censure for contumacy, but the Court may proceed with the investigation and decision of the case, as though he were present. (112.)

Article 147. The trial shall be fair and impartial. The witnesses, after being sworn, or solemnly affirmed, by the President, or any member of the Court, whom he may appoint, shall be examined in the presence of the accused, who shall be permitted to cross-examine them. The whole proceedings in the case shall be accurately and fully recorded, and copies furnished to the parties, if demanded, at their expense. (113.)

Article 148. The competency or credibility of a witness may be affected by his minority, his want of knowledge of the facts to be established, his near relationship to the parties concerned, by infamy or malignity of character, and by other circumstances, each of which may form a good ground of challenge by either party, and invalidate, and sometimes destroy, the testimony of a witness in the opinion of the Court. (114.)

Article 149. No person shall appear as counsel in a Church Court, unless he be either a Minister or an Elder of the Reformed Church. The President shall appoint the counsel for the defendant, unless he prefer either to appoint his counsel or conduct his own case. (115.)

SECTION IV.—RESTORATION.

Article 150. Suspended members, who give satisfactory evidence of genuine repentance and amendment, may, on application, be re-instated by the Spiritual Council that suspended them. (116.)

Article 151. Excommunicated members may be restored by the same Court that excommunicated them. Whenever such persons apply for restoration to the communion, the Pastor and Elders shall make diligent inquiry into their state of mind and manner of life; and if they give sufficient evidence of repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, they may be publicly restored. (117.)

Article 152. A Minister, Elder or Deacon, who has been deposed from office, may be re-instated, upon repentance and reformation. Such restoration shall take place only by the Court which deposed him, and then not until the evidence of repentance and reformation is unequivocal. The re-instatement of a Minister shall not be final, until it is approved by Synod. (118.)

Article 153. A Minister, who has been deposed for the sin of adultery or fornication, or for any offense that affixes a public scandal to his character which no after repentance can remove, ought not to be restored to the ministry. (119.)

Article 154. Whatever, in previous constitutions or resolves of the highest Church Court, is contrary to this Constitution, is hereby revoked. (120.)

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On the 4th day of the Sessions the President appointed Revs. H. Mosser and H. M. Kieffer, with plenary power to excuse such whose duties require them to absent themselves from Synod for the remaining sessions. Near the close of the Session the Committee reported the following persons as excused: Rev. D. Rothrock, Dr. T. G. Apple, J. A. Peters, W. E. Krebs, Elders J. Shumaker, G. W. Hensel, S. Greisemer, John Zellers and J. F. Unger. The report was received and adopted.

Rev. Dr. D. E. Klopp, chairman on the Standing Committee, to whom was referred the General subject of the "Care of the Indigent," made a verbal report stating that the subject has been held under advisement and that he could simply report progress.

The Standing Committee on Overtures under the 2nd item reported a Memorial from Philadelphia Classis in regard to observing the Anniversary of the birth of Zwingli. This subject was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. T. G. Apple, D. D., D. Van Horne, D. D., I. E. Graeff, and Elders Geo. W. Hensel and H. C. Hoover.

MEMORIAL FROM PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

To the Reverend Synod of the United States.—

DEAR BRETHREN:—The undersigned have been appointed a committee by the Classis of Philadelphia to convey the following action at its annual meeting in June last, to your body as a memorial requesting you to instruct the ministers within your bounds to preach memorial sermons or hold other appropriate services on the first Sabbath in January next or at some other suitable time when convenient.

WHEREAS, The Reformed Church has a rich legacy in the history of Protest-

ant Christianity, tracing as it does, its origin to the early work of the Reformers in Switzerland, Germany, Holland and other countries: and

WHEREAS, This history, at the first, was largely associated with certain honored and pious men whose names will ever be held in grateful remembrance, and,

WHEREAS, Ulrich Zwingli, holds a high place in the front rank of those great and good men whom God raised up for the revival of pure Apostolic Christianity in the Reformation of the 16th Century, and who brought to the work a measure of piety, learning and self-sacrificing zeal, which richly claimed most grateful remembrance and,

WHEREAS, The 1st day of January next will be the four hundredth Anniversary of Zwingli's birth; therefore,

Resolved, that we think it proper that some action should be taken by the ecclesiastical judicatories of the Reformed Church to commemorate this fact.

Resolved, That we, as a Classis, do hereby place on record our high esteem for this noble Reformer, whose learning was only equalled by his eloquence and who sealed his mission with his blood, when he fell as a martyr on the field of Cappel.

D. VAN HORNE,	H. C. HOOVER,
J. H. A. BOMBERGER,	T. A. HOOVER,
P. S. DAVIS.	

Phila., Pa., Sept. 29, 1886.

The following report presented by the Special Committee on the Zwingli Memorial was read and adopted.

The Committee on the Memorial from the Philadelphia Classis with reference to commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the birth of Ulrich Zwingli, respectfully report:

This Synod highly appreciates the recommendation of the Philadelphia Classis in regard to perpetuating the memory of Ulrich Zwingli, the great Swiss Reformer. No one can doubt that it is highly beneficial to revive the memory of the great and good men who labored for the cause of pure Christianity in the Reformation of the XVIth Century. The Reformed Church in the United States, "has a rich heritage," as the Memorial properly states, "in the work of the Reformers in Switzerland, Germany, and other countries of Europe." While it regards no one man as its leader and head, and does not exalt Zwingli above others who labored with him, nor yet commits itself to all his teaching, yet it honors this great and good man as one of the fathers of the Reformed Church. Therefore

1 *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby commends the suggestion of the Philadelphia Classis to the favorable regard of our pastors and churches, while it leaves to them to determine in what way the proposed celebration may be held.

2 *Resolved*, That it is hereby recommended that where such celebration may be held, a special collection be lifted in aid of the cause of theological education in the Church.

3 *Resolved*, That we commend this remembrance of one of the great Reformers, not in any spirit of denominational rivalry and zeal, but in the spirit of generosity and peace which Zwingli ever manifested towards other Protestant Reformers, and with a view to draw close the bonds of fraternal union that bind together the historic churches of the Protestant Reformation.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. G. APPLE, *Chairman*.

The Report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, brought to the attention of Synod by the Report on Overtures, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. H. Mosser and Thos. S. Land.

STATEMENT OF BETHANY ORPHANS' HOME.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In behalf of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, at Wornelsdorf, Pa., the undersigned respectfully present to your reverend body the following statement:—

At the last annual meeting of your body our Orphan family were still occupying their temporary residence. On December 14th, 1882, the newly-erected building was dedicated, and on December 21st the whole family was removed to its new dwelling-place. The commodious arrangements and conveniences of the building excel our expectations. The erection and furnishing of the Home, including necessary improvements on the premises, cost about \$80,000. Whilst the Church afforded us liberal help toward the erection of the new building, there was, meanwhile, a marked diminution in the receipts for current expenses. During the year ending with July 20, 1883, the receipts for this purpose amounted to \$4874.41, whilst the expenditures were \$6816.71. By reason of the deficit for current expenses, we have a total debt of about \$1500.

The building has been paid for. Four brethren kindly offer to pay the debt in \$100 contributions. Eleven more such gifts are wanting to remove the burden. We pray the God of the fatherless soon to put it into the hearts of eleven of His children to complete this good work.

During the past year, the Home received two legacies: One from Miss Mary Butz, of Easton, Pa.; and one of \$200 (less the collateral inheritance tax) from Mrs. Susan Innes, of Catasauqua, Pa. To the legacy of Miss Butz, an offering of \$500 was added by her sister, Mrs. Matilda Chidsey. The condition of the above gifts was that they should be invested in first mortgage bonds, and the interest to be used perpetually for the benefit of the Home.

The Lord has made our fields to yield abundant crops. Our harvest of 1882 supplied the Home with bread for the whole year. During the year we dismissed 18 orphans and admitted 17 orphans. At present we have 63 orphans in the Home. The Board desires to add about 20 more to the inmates. Our rule is to take but one or at most two orphans from a pastoral charge, so as to extend the benefits of the institution to as many congregations as possible. On last Good Friday, the pastor of the Home confirmed 11 orphans. Since the Home congregation was organized, in 1869, 142 orphans have been confirmed here.

We regret to report that during the year two members of our Board, Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D. D., and John Wiest were removed from us by the hand of death. During a period of fifteen years they labored with us in behalf of this good cause. The children always welcomed their arrival with joyful greetings, and counted them among their helpful, sympathizing friends. To us their departure is a sad bereavement; to them, it led to their eternal reward.

We wish to emphasize one point: To avoid the accumulation of a new debt, the Board imperatively needs larger contributions for current expenses. We cannot disguise it. There has been a falling off of gifts for this purpose. In the face of this fact, we purpose, by faith, to increase the number of orphans. Will the pastors and congregations stand by us? We commend our dear Home anew to their charitable sympathy and devout prayers.

B. BAUSMAN, *President.*

D. B. ALBRIGHT, *Superintendent.*

The Special Committee on Bethany Orphans' Home presented the following report, which was adopted.

Brethren : Your committee would respectfully report that only one document was placed in our hands. It consists of a statement by the President of the Board and the Superintendent of the present condition of the institution under their care.

The report of last year to this Synod recorded the calamity of the fire, the temporary nursery of the orphan family, and the progress of the new building. Now we learn of the completion of the new home at an expense of \$30,000 all paid; that it was dedicated on the 14th and occupied on the 21st of December, 1882.

We learn with pleasure of the abundant crops gathered from these fields.

There is one sad item, however, which they never before were called upon to report. During the synodical year two members of the Board fell asleep. Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D.D., and Elder John Wiest, brethren, whose interest never flagged and continued over a long period of years. Their service was to us a great blessing, and their end an admonition to earnest work.

They lament a deficit in income for current expenses. It amounts to \$1,500. The suggestion has been made that the whole amount be raised by one hundred dollar subscriptions. Four persons have already responded. This commendable suggestion is worthy of immediate success.

The present condition of our work suggests the following for adoption :

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for permitting us to have part in this great charity.

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to our merciful Father for several remembrances by will, for a donation by a person still in life, and for all other contributions received during the year.

Resolved, That we kindly commend our dear Orphans' Home to the prayerful consideration of all who are about to make a disposition of their worldly goods by will.

Resolved, That we are fully persuaded that the holy joy experienced by cheerful contributors as well as the sacred pleasures of nurturing the Lord's orphans are of the precious fruits of consecrated life, and that we sincerely believe the word of the Lord "that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Resolved, That we heartily thank the members of the Board for their faithful labors during these years of special trial.

Resolved, That the favor of our churches shown in many ways, and the enlarged opportunities lead us to approve of the Board's suggestion to extend the usefulness of the institution.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers be instructed to address an appeal to every pastor and Sunday School Superintendent in the Synod, asking every member, young and old, to remember the Home during the Christmas season, in liquidation of the present deficit, and at the same time not to forget the demands of the Home during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
H. MOSSEN, *Chairman*.

NOMINATIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report during the session on Friday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have one hundred tickets of these nominations printed for the use of the Synod and the election was fixed for Monday at 2 P. M. The election took place

at the time designated. The ballots were received and counted by the tellers, Revs. D. W. Ebbert and G. S. Sorber, and the President furnished with the result of the election. Elder John Meily of Lebanon, was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod; Elders Geo. Z. Kunkle, G. S. Griffith, and Rev. T. G. Apple, D. D., were elected as Trustees of F. & M. College, and Rev. Chas. G. Fisher was elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary. The other members constituting the Board were re-elected.

The Board of Publication during the past year appointed Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., to fill the vacancy in the Synodical Editorship, occasioned by the removal of Rev. Dr. Hibschan, for the year that has just closed. Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., of Lancaster was elected to fill the position, for the unexpired time of service.

This Synod was officially informed by the Stated Clerk of the Pittsburg Synod that B. Wolff, Jr. was re-elected by that body as its member on the Board of Publication.

The greetings of this Synod were sent through the President to the Synod of the Potomac to convene on the 17th inst. in Newton, North Carolina.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due to, and are hereby heartily extended to the pastor and members of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Reading; and pastors of the other Reformed Churches and members of the same for their generous hospitality shown the Synod during its sessions in this city.

Resolved, That the above Resolution be read from the pulpits of the Reformed Churches of this city.

Resolved, that we return thanks to the P. & R. R. B. for their kindness in extending to the members of Synod the benefit of excursion rates.

The roll was called, and all the members present during the sessions of the Synod, answered to their names, save those that were excused. The minutes of the sessions on Monday were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was adopted in the session of Synod on Friday afternoon.

Resolved, That when this Synod finally adjourns it be to hold its next annual sessions in Trinity Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa., on Wednesday, October 24th, A. D. 1884, at 7.30 P. M.

Synod adjourned finally on Monday, October 15. 1883, at 9.30 P. M., after joining in the Confession of Faith, the Lord's Prayer, the singing of a hymn, and receiving the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

T. C. PORTER, *President.*

JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfrs.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Comm'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Krassus.	Deaths.	S. School.	S. S. Sch'l.	Sta. for M.	Presby.	Cong. Prop.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Cyrus J. Becker, Daniel F. Bredle, Isaac K. Loos, E. W. Reincke, D. D., Robt. Lisberger, Martin A. Smith, T. C. Porter, D. D., LL D., Daniel Y. Haisler, D. D., T. O. Stem, Thomas A. Haber, Joseph E. Freeman, John J. Critt, J. E. Smith, James W. Mabry, Geo. W. Kerschner, J. G. Neff, Jos. H. Schlapplig, F. W. Smith, I. K. Loos, supply, N. Z. Snyder, supply, Charles Becker, Florus Daniel, W. D. C. Rodrock, Charles A. Rittenhouse, M. H. Miesler, T. M. Balliet, Lic., A. F. Krout, Lic., T. A. Fenstermaker, Lic.,	Howertown, Yarnersville, Bethlehem, Plainfield, St. Peter's, Dryland, 3d st. Ch. Easton, Pa. Grace Ref. Easton, St. Mark's Easton, Brothheadsaville, Weissport, Cataqua, Moore Township, Kreidersville, Stroudsburg, Bangor, Jerusalem, Tannersville, Mount Bethel, Rittersville, Freemansburg, Without charge, do																		

LEBANON CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Inf'ts.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Comm'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deacons.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch's.	Min. Fund.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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A. S. Leinbach,	Schwartzwald,	1	950	650	83	1	39	34	550 10			60	1	538		832 95	2,000 00	Reading, Berks
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	First Ch., Lebanon,																	Lebanon, Lebanon
Jacob Klein,	Without charge,	4	490	300	19	3	31	4	410 6			19	4	325		363 00	1,592 00	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'y'll
John E. Hiester, D.D.,	Anrville,	1	498	300	25	1	24	9	400 2			10	10	556		1,232 00	3,271 00	Anrville, Lebanon
Chas. F. McCauley, D.D.,	2d Ch., Reading,	7	1,700	1050	81	2	90	20	1478 10			25	52	13		204 00	1,500 00	Reading, Berks
T. Calvin Leinbach,	Bernville,	1	500	305	22	17	11	458 9	2			2	8	1		400 25	1,105 00	Womelsdorf, Berks
George Wolf, D.D.,	Myerstown,	1	600	300	27	27	11	530 9	7			7	1	510		1,194 00	8,300 00	Myerstown, Lebanon
Benj. Bausman, D.D.,	St. Paul's Mem. Ch.,	1	22	100	15	1	7	7	160 2			36	5	300		368 63	1,345 60	Reading, Berks
Thos. S. Johnson, D.D.,	St. John's, Lebanon,	5	1,266	610	68	4	47	6	1056 6									Lebanon, Lebanon
Chas. H. Leinbach, D.D.,	Talpehooken,	1	37	27		2	11	37	2							70 00		Stouchsburg, Berks
Eliz. E. Hiester,	Without charge,																	Friedensburg, "
Daniel B. Albright,	Bethany, Orph. Home	1	600	450	50	31	9	550 2				14	1	450		500 00	1,400 00	Womelsdorf, Berks
W. M. Bolly, Ph. D.,	Prof. in Palatine Col.	1	241	215	31	4	1	203 2				3	9	1		132 85	1,554 00	Myerstown, Lebanon
Henry A. Keyser,	St. Paul's, Mahanoy,	1																Mahanoy City, Schuykill
Jno. O. Johnson,	St. John's, Schuy'l. Ha.	1																Schuylkill Haven, Sch'y'l
F. W. Dechant,	Without charge,																	Reading, Berks
Jas. A. Schultz,	do																	Reading, do
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R. S. Appel,	Scharleaville,	5	950	600	79	10	85	6	540 10			33	6	408		225 00	1,700 00	Reading, Berks
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J. W. Gelnets,	St. John's, Reading,	1	250	150														Shonandoah, Schuykill
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M. Peters,	Without charge,																	Galeville, "
J. C. Harber, D. D.,	Superannuated,																	Lewistown, Union Co., Pa.

LEBANON CLASSIS—CONCLUDED.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Schrs.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Men R. Bartholomew, Joseph Schiappig, John J. Fisher, W. M. Christman, Frederic Y. Schell, W. S. Metzger, Thomas Kessler, W. E. Higbee, D.D., F. Donat, W. D. Streetel, Alvin Baber, Leont, Leont, Charles H. Coon, George B. Russell, D.D., J. P. Biery, Licentiate, J. M. Christman, supply Geo. M. Stibitz, Lic. Geo. F. Zeller, Lic.	Trinity Ch. Pottsville, Without charge, Trinity, Tamaqua, Friedens, St. John's, Hamburg, Pine Grove, Swatara, State Supt Com Sch's, New Jerusalem, Womelsdorf, St. Mark's, Cressona, 1st Church, Pottsville, Leesport, Without charge, Myerstown, Leb. Co. Orafield, Donaldson & Minersville	1 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 2 3 1 2 4 2 2	240 325 258 460 430 469 463 500 500 255 357 357															

See in the Statistical Report of last year, Rev. M. L. Fritch called in having credit given to his charge for \$250 raised for Benevolent Purposes. On account of this omission credited it for the same is hereby given in this report.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Comm'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Eldrs. of N.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S.S. Sch'l's.	Stu. for M.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.											Benev. Purp.	Cong. Purp.	
Jesse B. Kuipe,	Superannuated,	1	218	50	4	3	4	3	175	5			7	1	90		\$120 00	\$1200 00	Chester Sp'gts, Chest. Co. Pa.
Daniel Reetz,	Without charge,																		Norristown, Montg'y Co. do
J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	St. Luke's, Trappe,																		Collegeville, do do do
Henry W. Super, D. D.	Prof. in Ursinus Col.,																		do do do
Peter S. Davis, D. D.	Editor "The Mess'g.,"																		907 Arch St., Phila., do
Abraham Romich,	Without charge,																		Philadelphia, do
Charles W. Schultz,	Superannuated,																		Camden, N. J. do
D. Ernst Kiopp, D. D.	Trinity, Phila.,	1	308	50	20	6	21	13	283	3	15	5	1	397			256 00	3900 00	1541 N. 7th St., Philad., Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston,	Without charge,																		2114 Norris St., do
John P. Stein,	St. John's, W. Phila.,	1	57	35	7	1	4	6	35	13			4	1	75		19 00	500 00	3415 Walnut St., do do
Maxwell S. Rowland,	Without charge,																		Lansdale, Mont. Co., do
Charles G. Fisher,	Supt. Pub. Board,																		907 Arch St., Phila., do
David Van Horne, D. D.,	First Church, Phila.,	1	213	14	1	3	10	6	180	3			1	1	215		958 00	3632 00	1140 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
William C. Hendrickson,	Trinity, Norristown,	1	58	30	8	8	5	1	60		12	2	1	113		55 00	598 00	Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.	
John Van Haagen, Lie.,	Prof. in Ursinus Col.,																		Collegeville, do do do
Henry M. Kieffer,	Ascension,	1	230	80	12	6	18	12	197			5	1	215		146 00	1500 00	Norristown, do do do	
Josiah D. Detrich,	White Marsh,	1	160		6	4	7	2	137			3	1	160		105 00	700 00	Flourtown, do do do	
do do supply,	St. Luke's, N. Wales,	1	145		8	7	17	7	133	3					204		575 00		do do do
Silas P. Manger,	Pike'd & St. Vincent,	2	172	53	6	5	12	2	116	13			3	2	100	1	43 00	905 00	Kimberton, Chester do do
John H. Seebler,	Boehm's,	1	224	136	2	3	8	3	204		15	8	2	225		133 00	1236 00	Centre Square, Mont. Co. do	
Uriah Weidner,	Pleasantville,	1	296	44	3	12	31	8	216	1		4	2	250		119 00	800 00	Mont. Square, do do do	
James I. Good,	Heidelberg,	1	402	181	26	22	68	34	384	7		8	1	285	2	80 00	11 464 00	1515 N. 19th St., Phila., do	
David W. Ebert,	E. Vincent & Sp. Cl'y	2	191	54	3	4	3	8	144	8	2	4	2	285		198 00	3040 00	Spring City, Chester Co. do	
Abraham B. Stoner,	Grace,	1	66	30	5	4	8	11	64	3	7	3	1	187		44 00	2562 00	2422 Reese St., Phila., do	
George S. Sorber,	Brownback's,	3	428	180	17	6	11	5	317	3		9	3	320		153 00	1242 00	Vinecent, Chester Co., do	
Levi D. Stambaugh,	St. Matthew's,	1	98	16	1	6	7		90	1		4	1	90		90 00	1175 00	Fônt, do do do	
Al. R. Thompson,	St. Paul's,	1	62	13	1				55	1		2	3	164		60 00	600 00	Lionville, do do do	
Nest n J. Miller,	St. John's, Del.,	1	96	70	12		2	1	79	3	6	2	1	75	1	69 00	365 00	Wyoming, Kent do Del.	
V. G. n.	Eastern Shore of Md.,	3	64	60	1				40										
do	Christ,	1	212	89	8	1	6	4	163	4		2	1	130		901 00	4022 00		
do	St. John's, Phoenixv't	1	28	20	3	1	1	27	25								1500 00		

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congr.	Members.	Unconbr'd.	Infants.	Bapt's.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command.	Divisio-n.	Ex-cesses.	Deaths.	S.S. Sob'rs.	Siu. Min'y.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
															P'p'oses.	P'p'oser.	
Rudolph Duenger,	Ashland,	1	300	270	50	11	5	260	2	4	13	1	200		\$104 00	\$4600 00	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Aaron R. Hottentstein,	Mahanoy,	7	503	400	53	45	2	391	5	9	7	340			150 00	1034 00	Greenbrier, Northumberland do
Alfred Houts,	Orangeville,	4	288	175	2	3	38	5	277	4	6	4	180		140 00	820 00	Orangeville, Northumberland do
Tilghmen Derr,	Corrygdam,	2	500	320	37	1	33	450		24	2	250			116 00	2,125 00	Conyngnam, Luzerne do
William G. Engle,	Uniontown,	6	795	249	69	62		601		39	6	195			201 00	840 00	Pillow, Dauphin do
Geo. B. Deebant,	Catawissa,	3	360	310	34	2	315	3		28	5	160			140 00	6,850 00	Catawissa, Columbia do
John K. Millet,	Paradies,	3	463	317	17	2	25	16	437	18	4	21	350		227 00	1,500 00	McEwenaville, Northber'd do
Franklin K. Lavan,	Wilkesbarre,	1	375	350	53	22	13	300	1	4	21	1	200		70 00	1,500 00	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do
J. B. Kerechner,	Millersburg,	3	400	215	22	3	21	286	1	14	3	275			145 00	2,075 00	Millersburg, Dauphin do
William C. Schaeffer,	Danville,	3	345	155	12	3	21	3	285	8	4	3	369		154 00	1,418 00	Danville, Montour do
Thomas J. Hacker,	Shamokin,	1	380	300	90	1	36	30	362		6	10	1	330	170 00	1,391 00	Shamokin, Northumberland do
Thomas J. Barkley,	Sunbury,	1	215	120	3	1	7	5	210	4	2	1	150		86 00	820 00	Sunbury, do do
Sebastian C. Meckel,	Plymouth,	1	62	15	10		2	40	12		2	1	40		75 00	3,100 00	Plymouth, Luzerne do
Oliver H. Strunck,	Bloomsburg,	1	175	85	12	1	8	168	3	12	3	1	130		90 00	775 00	Bloomsburg, Columbia do
William B. Sandoe,	Ringtown,	4	289	279	43	38		230		5	3	200	1		57 00	450 00	Kingtown, Schuylkill Co., do
Christian Baum,	Deep Creek,	5	265	210	50	6	263			18	5	210			121 00	750 00	Begins, do do
S. S. Kohler,	Wapwallopen,	4	341	120	48	1	19	331		14	4	160			104 00	600 00	Bellbend, Luzerne do
A. M. Maeszenheimer,	Weatherly,	2	235	200	50	8	17	20	220	2	20	1	175		32 00	1,050 00	Weatherly, Carbon do
C. H. Mutohler,	Overton,	3	160	80	8	24	4	166		30	1	3	88		29 00	350 00	Dushore, Sullivan do
Christ Church	Christ Church	1	75	30	4	1	2	5	55	1	8	1	55		12 00	4,301 00	Payette, Seneca, N. Y. do
Geo. P. Harzell,	Augusta,	6	383	202	24	3	31	6	339		5	6	250		106 00	750 00	Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa. do
Thomas S. Land,	Mt. Zion,	3	510	193	13	1	15	11	344	12	2	14	3	235	136 00	681 00	Turbotville, do do
J. J. Rothrock,	Hastion,	2	167	236	31	36	2	105	2		4	2	125		23 00	650 00	Freeland, Luzerne do
W. D. Dons,	Berwick,	4	136	101	9		88				4	2	50		22 00	807 00	Mifflinville, Columbia do
E. Kuha,	Berryburg,	5	220	120	10	1	169	1		1	2	5	200		20 00	200 00	Elizabethville, Dauphin do
F. C. Yosh,	Milton,	1	199	150	4	2	9	34	160	7	3	5	1	225	30 00	820 00	Milton, Northumberland do
J. C. J. Kurtz,	Without charge,																Shamokin, Northumberland do
O. H. Strunck,	Heller's cong.,	1	107	60	2	1	2	100		5	1	1	60	1	25 00	250 00	Bloomsburg, Pa. do
T. Derr,	Beninger's,	1	45	40	1		42			2	1	25			14 00		
do	Shellbammer's,	1	45	30	2	15	45			2	6	1	20		5 00		
J. B. Kerechner,	St. Peter's,	1	75	30	7	21	69				1	1	30		16 00	808 00	Armstrong Valley. do
T. J. Hacker,	St. Paul's,	1	36	12	10	12	32				1	1	20		6 00	108 00	Mahanoy Valley. do

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infants.	Bapt's.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deacons.	S. Schools.	S. S. Rob'ts.	Stu. for M.	Contributions.	Post-Office Address.	Co. Pa.	
Wm. H. Groh,	Boalsburg,	4	359	227	13	1	10	8	316	5		7	4	200		\$283 00	Boalsburg, Centre	Co. Pa.	
William W. Clouser,	White Deer,	3	300	170	50		35		300			11	3	120		165 00	White Deer Mills, Union	do	
Wm. A. Haas,	Sellsgrove,	4	400	370	35			2	380	2		15	4	335		219 00	Sellsgrove, Snyder	do	
Samuel M. Roeder,	Centre Hall,	3	274	155	17		8	3	220	11		5	3	180		356 00	Mifflinburg, Centre	do	
A. Carl Whitmer,	Mifflinburg,	3	469	200	32	2	18	12	397	7		11	2	200	1	450 00	Centre Hall, Union	do	
John F. De Long,	Bellefonte,	2	160	95	11	1	6	16	135	8		1	2	105		148 00	Bellefonte, Centre	do	
R. Leighton Gerhart,	Lewisburg,	2	351	125	10	1	19	7	273	14		7	2	310	1	309 00	Lewisburg, Union	do	
S. Penrose Brown,	Liverpool,	6	200	234	35		27		149			2	5	350		42 00	Chapman, Snyder	do	
David O. Shoemaker,	Nittany Valley,	5	315	200	10		37	12	290	8		7	4	235	1	154 00	New Berlin, Union	do	
Tilghman R. Dietz,	New Berlin,	5	307	220	10		12	3	213	3		11	5	255		136 00	Walker, Centre	do	
Zwingli A. Yearick,	Aaronsburg,	3	297	241	14	3	45	8	260	5		8	3	205		204 00	Aaronsburg, Centre	do	
J. S. Wagner,	Williamport, St. John's	1	71	36	3		3	4	60			1	1	81		55 00	Williamport, Lycoming	do	
William M. Landis,	Beaver Springs,	4	550	450	36		5	475				21	5	450		250 00	Beaver Springs, Snyder	do	
George W. Gerhard,	Lock Haven,	2	159	86	4		6	22	128	1		8	2	150		51 00	Lock Haven, Clinton	do	
Vacant,	Rebersburg,	5	298	150	12		16		260	6		6	5	270		375 00	Rebersburg, Centre	do	
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,	Supt. Pub. Inst.																Spring Mills, do	do	
Isaac S. Stahr,	Without charge,																Lock Haven, Clinton	do	
William n. Yearick,	do do																Walker, Centre	do	
Henry Keiser,	do do																Bellefonte, Centre	do	
Total, 18.		52	4,510	2,959	292	8	247	70	3,856	97		37	115	49	3,426	3	\$3,197 00	\$17,067 00	

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch's.	Ben. for M.	Contributions.	Post-Office Address.		
Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.,	New Goshenhoppen,	2	940	450	41	6	52	6	866	4		15	2	650	1	\$723 00	\$300 00	East Greenville, Montg. Co., Pa.	
Augustus L. Dechant,	Old Goshenhoppen,	4	700	30	51	3	53	6	618	8		31	4	250	1	240 00		Pennsburg, do do	
Lucian J. Mayer,	Boyetown,	3	844	677	46	48	14	786	18			37	1	175		242 70	1,270 00	Boyetown, Berks do	
L. Kryder Evans,	Trinity Pottstown,	1	579	400	77	29	16	450	9			46	1	385		373 71	1,457 00	Pottstown, Montgomery do	
Simon M. K. Huber,	Wentz's,	3	700	321	27	7	13	5	619	9	30	28	2	240	1	264 41		do Skippackville do	
Daniel E. Schoedler,	Oley,	4	653	547	65	1	20	4	482	4		20	4	325		206 00	1,180 00	Oley Berks do	
Eli Keller,	Zionsville,	4	930	590	69	1	84	2	800	4		25	4	370	4	267 00	450 00	Zionsville, Lehigh do	
Cosmos H. Herbst,	Pottstown,	2	598	378	48	33	36	482	5		6	22	2	365		131 00	1,232 00	Pottstown, do do	
C. S. Wiesend,	Chestnut Hill,	1	87	80	4	5	2					3	1	60		30 00	250 00	Pennsburg, Montgomery do	
P. P. A. Hoffman, supply,	Hill & Lobach's,	2	315	150	32	1	32	2	286	10		12	4	200		150 00	160 00	No. 988 Penn St., Reading, do	
John H. Leinbach, do	Amityville & Birdsboro	2	265		11			230	1			6	4	250		73 64	1,150 00	Reading, Berks do	
Lawrence D. Leberman,	Without Charge,																	Cor. 7th & Ger. Ave. Phila. do	
Lewis C. Herrman,	do																	Carlisle, Northumberland do	
Henry L. Gerhart,	Licentiate,																	Worcester, do do	
Jairus A. Wicket,*	do																	Spinnersville, Bucks do	
O. W. Levan,*	do																	Pricetown, Berks do	
Total, 16		28	6,611,393	471	26	369	87	5,089	66				36	24	5,29	3,270	7	\$2,551 00	\$11,459 00

* Dismissed to Classis of Mercersburg, July 12, 1883.

† Dismissed to Classis of Philadelphia (Eng.), August 31, 1883.

CLASSIS OF TONICKON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infants.	Bapt's.	Confirmed.	Certificates.	Comm'd.	Dismiss'd.	Excom.	Deacons.	F. Schools.	S. B. Sch's.	Stu. Mib'y.	Contribu- tion.	Post-Office ADDRESS.	
David Rothrock,	Durham,	2	637	325	28	5	32	3	532	4		13	6	238		\$209 00	\$900 00 Kintnersville, Bucks Co. Pa.	
S. K. Gross,	Ridge Valley,	2	346	232	28	5	34	3	318	1	10	24	2	84		23 00	486 00 Schlichters, do do	
L. C. Sheip,	Salem Doylestown,	1	125	90	3	1	11	3	100	4		1	1	80		20 00	500 00 Doylestown, do do	
A. F. Ziegler,	Keller's,	2	313	155	20	3	6	5	280	5		16	2	91		66 00	825 00 Bingen, Northampton do	
Jacob Kehm,	Indian Creek,	2	850	540	33	6	5	710	6			35	3	325		119 78	2,720 00 Sellersville Bucks do	
Nathaniel Z. Snyder,	South Bethlehem,	2	318	245	46	1	29	20	237	1	29	11	2	278		87 00	1,350 00 S. Bethlehem, Northampton do	
Franklin J. Mohr,	Quakertown,	3	540	250	21	2	23	20	480	3		13	3	260	1	176 00	1,755 00 Quakertown, Bucks do	
James G. Dengler,	Sellersville,	3	380	155	22	3	19	4	375	5		11	5	155		188 29	1,228 00 Sellersville, do do	
Robt. C. Weaver,	Friedensville,	3	553	235	55	53	436					25	7	190		93 00	1,950 00 Coopersburg, Lehigh do	
G. W. Roth,	Tinicum,	3	380	140	14	6	1	276	2			10	3	90		67 12	633 00 Ottaville, Bucks do	
A. B. Koplin,	Lower Saucon,	3	652	393	26	29	6	492				9	4	365	1	346 30	2,224 47 Hellertown, Northampton do	
Henry J. Welker,	Springfield,	3	571	269	34	3	60	7	495	1		21	5	260	1	218 00	940 00 Coopersburg, Lehigh do	
J. M. Hartzel,	Leidstown,	1	140	27	4	13	19	3	125	1	5	1	2	100		42 00	720 00 Chalfont, Bucks do	
J. H. F. Seiple,	Hilltown,	3	479	36	16	9	22	18	442	5		7	3	320		423 00	1,779 00 Lansdale, Montgomery do	
J. C. Leimbach,	Riegelsville,	1	197	162	13	3	5	4	175	4	3	13	1	237		145 00	1,250 00 Riegelsville, Bucks do	
N. Z. Snyder, supply	South Easton,	1	162	88	14	10	6	119	1		5	4	1	115		72 00	400 00 S. Bethlehem, Northampton do	
D. F. Brendle, do	New Williams,	1	132	62	5	12	2	97	7			2	2	46		20 42	15,000 00 Bethlehem, do do	
H. K. Binkley, Llc.																	907 Arch St., Phila.	
Total, 18.		36	6,878	3,753	370	42	370	102	5,693	50	1	52	220	52	3,297	3	\$2,316 71 \$34,665 47	

CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconbr'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificates.	Commended.	Disinbred.	Kreom.	Kreasures.	Deaths.	B. Schola.	B. B. Rob't.	Sta. for M.	Contributions.	Post-Office Address.	
Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	Ziegel.	4	800	660	110	115			750				30	8	600		\$420 00	Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.	
J. S. Herman,	Fletwood,	4	575	340	110	52			500	10			31	6	350		5000 00	Kutztown, Berks do	
A. J. Herman,	Zion's,	7	630	300	60	58			575				28	8	420		2000 00	Maxtawny, do do	
Wm. R. Hofford,	S. White Hall cong.,	1	300	130	16	35			254	3			6	3	200		1800 00	Lehigh do	
Abm. Bartholomew,	Mahoning,	4	575	340	73	21			442				15	17			1200 00	Lehigh, Carbon do	
N. S. Strassburger,	Without charge,																	Lehigh do	
E. J. Fogel,	Jordan,	4	800	600	72	62			748	2			27	8		2	2000 00	Allentown, do do	
S. A. Leinbach,	Egypt,	3	575	380	42	59			625	1			30	7	350	3	1425 00	Coplay, do do	
S. G. Wagner, D.D.,	St. John's, Allentown.	1	532	202	13	23			7	393	8		15	1	352		2280 00	114 S. 8th St., Allentown, do do	
A. J. G. Dubbs,	Salen's, Allentown,	1	550	350	72	58			51	503	2		46	1	639		2200 00	Allentown, Lehigh do	
Benjamin Weiss,	Lehighville,	4	555	390	66	31			456	2			16	5	360		1500 00	Lehighville, Berks do	
J. Fritzing,	Without charge,																	Allentown, Lehigh do	
Thomas N. Reber,	Macungie,	3	550	225	57	31			403	1			30	7	425	2	1450 00	Macungie, do do	
James N. Bachman,	Jacksonville,	4	800	500	50	35			5	620	4		32	8	600	1	150 00	Lynaport, do do	
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.,	Prof. State Nor. Sch.,																	Kutztown, Berks do	
I. E. Graef,	Tamaqua,	1	282	226	22	20			6	222	2		3	10	155		1025 00	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do	
W. J. Peters,	Slatington,	2	480	330	50	25			18	420	16		30	4	460	1	1600 00	Slatington, Lehigh do	
J. H. Hartman,	Lehighton,	1	281	225	34	23			6	225			4	1	265		2585 00	Lehighton, Carbon do	
N. W. A. Helfrich,	His Father's assistant,																	Fogelsville, Lehigh do	
Wm. J. Kershner,	Christ, Allentown,	1	160	130	14	7			30	84	5		3	1	237		15 00	517 Front St., Allentown, do do	
John H. Leinbach,	Kutztown,	1	450	200	10	3			3	325			6	3	250		750 00	Reading, Berks do	
Edwin A. Gernant,	Zion's, Allentown,	1	825	450	29	32			32	600	2		5	12	435	1	605 00	Allentown, Lehigh do	
Walter E. Krebs,	Pres't All'n Fem. Col.,																	do do	
Supply Dr. Helfrich,	Lynnton cong.,																		
do I. E. Graef,	Summit Hill do	1	75	90	4	11			54				1	1	52		14 00		
do A. J. G. Dubbs,	Emaus do	1	60	30	6	7			2	57			2	1			21 00		
do A. Bartholomew,	St. Peter's do	1	90	45	7	13			75				3	2			13 00		
do Ben'n Weiss,	Blandon do	1	150	95	13	11			125	1			4	1	100		6 00		
do do	St. Paul's do	1	47	25	7				37				2	1	25		100 00		
Total, 23.		53	10142	6263	937	111	729	160	8388	59			27	833	97	6265	10	\$4242 00	\$34,755 00

STATISTICAL SUMMARY Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Minist'rs.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconf'd Members.	Baptisms.			Additions.		Communi'c'd.	Dismiss'd.	Kecord.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for the Min.	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.	Confr'd.	Certif'c.	Benef. Purp.								Congreg' Purp.	
East Pennsylvania,	23	49	8,547	6,851	674	8	468	94	6,857	46	20	267	68	6,150	7	\$6,166 00	\$28,725 00	
Lebanon,	45	90	16,990	10,251	1,244	88	896	281	13,451	150	4	107	563	97	13,612	9	8,454 00	50,236 00
Philadelphia,	27	27	3,726	1,204	152	101	243	163	3,117	71	57	79	30	2,950	4	3,559 00	41,791 00	
Lancaster,	28	38	4,282	2,000	228	67	213	134	3,589	63	17	97	34	3,074	3	4,047 00	19,845 00	
East Susquehanna,	27	82	8,449	5,374	749	24	552	176	7,138	85	2	64	291	80	5,217	2	2,626 00	41,407 00
West Susquehanna,	16	52	4,511	2,959	292	8	247	97	3,856	70	37	115	49	3,428	3	3,197 00	17,067 00	
Goshenboppes,	16	28	6,611	3,893	471	26	369	87	5,669	66	29	86	245	29	3,270	7	2,551 00	11,489 00
Tulickun,	18	36	6,878	3,733	370	42	370	102	5,693	50	1	62	220	52	3,297	3	2,316 00	34,655 00
Lehigh,	23	53	10,142	6,263	937	11	729	160	8,388	59	27	383	97	6,265	10	4,242 00	34,756 00	
Total,	226	455	70,135	41,528	5,137	325	4,087	1,284	57,258	660	71	417	2,260	536	48,260	48	\$37,158 00	\$279,970 00
Synod of Ohio, - 10 Classes,	140	283	19,095	7,185	781	329	1,099	706	14,404	368	4	384	316	220	16,094	13	11,915 00	111,386 00
Ger. Synod, North West, 9 Classes,	116	157	13,545	9,908	1,195	16	669	880	10,728	206	28	159	359	139	7,680	29	8,590 00	68,376 00
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 Classes,	56	132	12,484	8,918	878	68	539	409	10,603	264	5	105	229	106	8,122	9	11,898 00	83,596 00
Synod of the Potomac, 10 Classes,	136	279	29,671	19,128	1,852	229	1,405	663	24,326	453	8	139	723	239	18,414	22	17,564 00	112,207 00
Ger. Synod, of the East, 5 Classes,	41	40	10,010	6,029	1,749	11	685	461	7,652	39	2	222	506	40	6,942	2	5,589 00	66,048 00
Central Synod, - 4 Classes,	68	119	15,799	10,386	1,073	40	749	640	11,927	142	14	273	389	104	19,209	20	8,653 00	57,989 00
Total, 7 Dist' Synods, 52 Classes,	782	1,465	170,030	103,112	12,665	1,017	9,233	5,043	136,897	2,122	68	1,899	4,787	1,383	114,720	143	\$100,148 00	\$779,573 00

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Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, held in Pottstown, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Four. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the Eighth, and continued until half-past Nine on the evening of the Thirteenth, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened according to appointment in Trinity Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa., on Wednesday, Oct. 8th, 1884, at 7.30 P. M. The session was opened with divine service, and the sermon was preached by the President, Rev. Dr. Thos. C. Porter, from the text recorded St. Matt. 19 : 27, 28, 29. Subject, "The Reward for Faithful Service in the Christian Ministry."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNA.

Ministers: T. C. Porter, D. D.,^{*} I. K. Loos, D. D., J. E. Smith,^{2,*} J. J. Crist.

Elders: B. F. Kemmerer, Jacob Rader.

II. CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers: Geo. Wolff, D. D., L. D. Steckel, C. S. Gerhard, A. J. Bachman,^{*} A. R. Bartholomew,^{*} J. A. Reber,² H. Mosser.

Elders: R. E. Adams, P. S. Greenawalt,¹ Wm. Zellers,¹ Jas. T. Reber,¹ U. Witmer.²

III. CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers: D. E. Klopp, D. D., S. P. Mauger, D. Van Horne, D. D., J. H. Sechler, C. W. Levan,^{*}

Elders: F. L. Hoover,² A. Schwenk, H. B. Mull, Jno. B. Stauffer.^{2,*}

IV. CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers: D. B. Schneder,² Jno. M. Souder, E. V. Gerhart, D. D.,¹ J. H. Pannebecker, and Wm. F. Lichtliter.

Elders: Abram Mader, S. L. Dellinger, Daniel Helm.^{*}

V. CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers: O. H. Strunck, J. K. Millet,¹ A. Houtz, S. C. Meckel,²
T. S. Land.

Elders: Philip Peters,² J. W. Kelsey, John A. Heiney.²

VI. CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers: A. Carl Whitmer, D. O. Shoemaker, Wm. A. Haas.²

Elders: Elias Brown, John Miller.

VII. CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers: S. M. K. Huber,² L. J. Mayer,² A. L. Dechant.²

Elders: Dr. J. H. Dickenshied,² Jas. M. High,² Dr. I. B. Yeakel.²

VIII. CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

Ministers: A. B. Koplin, J. G. Dengler, J. M. Hartzell.

Elders: Chas. A. Mauch, Henry Stover.

IX. CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

Ministers: W. R. Hofford,² S. G. Wagner, D. D.,² N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.,² N. S. Strassburger.

Elders: Thos. Strauss, R. H. Kramm, Conrad Paff.

The figures at the end of the name indicate the day of the sessions on which the delegate took his seat.

The letters in their order indicate the days on which the delegate obtained leave of absence.

On the 2nd and 5th day Rev. J. H. Leinbach took the place of Rev. N. C. Schaeffer. Rev. H. T. Spangler on the 4th day took the seat of Rev. C. W. Levan. Dr. C. Z. Weiser took the seat of Rev. A. L. Dechant on the 5th day.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following were present during one or more of the sessions:

From Lebanon Classis—Revs. J. C. Bucher, D. D., T. C. Leinbach, F. W. Dechant, D. B. Albright, C. F. McCauley, D. D., J. W. Steinmetz, Thos. S. Johnston, D. D., W. M. Reily, Ph. D.

From Phila. Classis—Revs. Geo. S. Sorber, Geo. H. Johnston, Jas. Crawford, Jas. I. Good, Chas. G. Fisher, P. S. Davis, D. D., D. W. Ebbert, H. T. Spangler, E. D. Wettach.

From Lancaster Classis—Revs. Theo. Appel, D. D., J. H. Dubbs, D. D., A. S. Stauffer, S. M. Roeder.

From West Susquehanna Classis—Rev. Daniel M. Wolf.

From Goshenhoppen Classis—Revs. C. H. Herbst, C. S. Wieand.

From Classis of Lehigh—Revs. J. H. Leinbach, W. J. Peters.

From Tohickon Classis—Revs. Jacob Kehm, N. Z. Snyder, H. K. Binkley.

From San Francisco Classis, Synod of Potomac—Rev. D. E. Schoedler.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. J. S. Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. I. F. Heisler, Evangelical Church.
 Rev. H. B. Stephenson, of First Presbyterian Church.
 Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., of the Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. I. K. Loos, D. D., was chosen President. Rev. T. S. Land was chosen Corresponding Secretary. Rev. John P. Stein is Stated Clerk. Elder John Meily was re-elected Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Stated Clerk. The bar of the house was defined to be the first eight pews from the chancel. It was resolved that the sessions open at 9 A. M. and at 2 P. M., and close at 11.30 A. M. and at 5 P. M.

An Evening Session was held on Monday from 7 to 9.30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Minutes of Synod*—Revs. W. A. Haas, O. H. Strunck, J. J. Crist, and Elders J. Rader and S. L. Dellinger.
2. *Overtures*—Revs. N. S. Strassburger, D. D., A. Houtz, C. W. Levan, and Elders D. Helm and J. M. High.
3. *Religious Services*—Revs. L. K. Evans, C. S. Wicand, C. H. Herbst.
4. *Minutes of Classis*—Revs. A. C. Whitmer, T. S. Land, S. P. Manger, Elders Elias Brown and A. Schwenk.
5. *Examination, Licensure and Ordination*—Revs. T. C. Porter, D. D., D. Van Horne, D. D., J. K. Millet, and Elders J. A. Heiney and H. B. Mull.
6. *State of Religion and Statistical Reports*—Revs. L. D. Steckel, J. G. Dengler, Geo. Wolff, D. D., Elders John Miller and R. H. Kramm.
7. *Theological Seminary*—Revs. H. Mosser, J. M. Hartzell, S. C. Meckel, and Elders Conrad Paff and R. H. Kramm.
8. *Missions*—Revs. A. B. Koplin, J. M. Souder, A. J. Bachman, Elders H. Stover and R. E. Adams.
9. *Finance*—Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, D. O. Shoemaker, L. J. Mayer, Elders J. M. Kelsey and Wm. Zellers.
10. *Nominations*—Revs. C. S. Gerhard, A. B. Koplin and W. R. Hofford, and Elders Charles A. Mauch and James T. Reber.

11. *Publication*—Revs. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., D. Van Horne, D. D., A. Houtz, and Elders A. Mader and U. Witmer.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The minutes of the Classes of East Penna., Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon and Lehigh were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which are referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, also the Annual Report of the Board of Education, were received, and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

3. Communications were received from the Board of Trustees of F. and M. College and the Trustees of Synod, which were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

4. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication and a Report from the Committee on the Publication of the *Hausfreund* were received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

5. The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions, the Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, and a letter from the President of the Tri-Synodic Board were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

6. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Other communications were received and handed to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Printed copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual sessions of this Synod and the General Synod, were referred to the Standing Committee on the Minutes of Synod, to report the items claiming the attention of this body. The Committee presented its report on Friday. It was taken up item by item, and adopted as a whole. The report reads as follows :

Your Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod and on the Minutes of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, would respectfully report the following items as claiming the attention of this Synod :

I. General Synod.

Item 1, p. 9. The General Synod submits *Rules of Order* for adoption, for the government of the several judicatories of the Reformed Church in U. S.

Item 2, p. 25. The General Synod directs this Synod to inquire into the delinquency of its Stated Clerk in not furnishing that Body with certain copies, as required, of the proceedings of this Synod.

Item 3, p. 56. The cause of Home Missions is commended to the favorable consideration of the district Synods and their Boards.

Item 4, p. 65. The General Synod also commends the cause of Foreign Missions.

Item 5, p. 96. The third Sunday in January of each year is set apart as a memorial festival of the Reformation.

Item 6, p. 102. Certain amounts for various purposes are apportioned to this Synod.

Item 7, p. 104. General Synod will hold its next triennial sessions in Grace Reformed Church, Akron, Ohio, to commence on the first Wednesday after Whit Sunday, June 1st, 1887, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Item 8, p. 105. Pastors and consistories are urged to exercise stricter discipline against all forms of vice, and especially against the monster vice of intemperance.

II. Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

Item 9, p. 19. Synod recommended earnest efforts to be put forth to induce talented young men to prepare for the ministry.

Item 10, p. 40. Synod made an urgent appeal to the Classes to pay all arrearages on their apportionments for Home Missions.

Item 11, p. 41. An executive committee on Missions was commended to be organized by each Classis.

Item 12, p. 51. A certain conference to adjust a complaint of Lebanon Classis against the Goshenhoppen Classis was ordered to be held.

Item 13, p. 40. Synod urged that all the classes and congregations contribute systematically to the cause of Foreign Missions.

Item 14, p. 49. The Stated Clerk was instructed to append a foot note to the statistical table of Lebanon Classis, concerning a certain amount of money for benevolence.

Item 15, p. 49. Synod requested the West Susquehanna Classis to complete its action on the request of Rev. Henry Keller.

Item 16, p. 56. Synod requested the classes to render all possible aid to Elder Jacob Keyser in his efforts to collect money for the Publication Board.

Item 17, p. 56. The classes were urged to see that a collection be annually lifted in each congregation for the Publication Board.

Item 18, p. 57. Synod enjoined upon the Stated Clerks of the classes to forward a certified list of delegates at least ten days in advance of the meeting of Synod.

Item 19, p. 77. The committee on the general subject of "care for the indigent" is continued.

Item 20, p. 78. Synod recommended Zwingli Memorial Services to be held.

Item 21, p. 80. The Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home was instructed to address an appeal to the Church in behalf of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HAAS, *Chairman.*

The following items, 2, 12, 14, 18, 20, were reported as having

been attended to. The 5, 7 items were adopted. For the result of the action on items 3, 4, 11, 13 see Art. XIV, Missions; on items 6, 10, Art. XV, Finance; on item 1, Art. XX, Church Government; on items 8, 15, 19, Art. XXI, Miscellaneous; on item 9, Art. XIII, Theological Seminary; on items 16, 17, Art. XIX, Publication; on item 20, Art. XII, Religion and Morals.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report. It was taken up item by item, and was adopted :

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report that the following documents were placed in their hands :

1. Is a communication from the Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, President of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," giving an account of the nature and claims of said Society, and requesting this Synod to consider its claims and urge the several classes to order a collection to be lifted in their congregations for the benefit of the Society, on or about the third Sunday in June of next year.

2. Is the second triennial report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, together with the report of Rudolph F. Kelker, its Treasurer, from May 4, 1881, to May 6, 1884.

3. Is a petition signed by 231 members of the Reformed Church in the United States, who reside in the borough of Pottstown and its vicinity, praying Synod to instruct the Classis of Goshenhoppen to recognize their organization as a congregation of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. STRASSBURGER, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on the 1st item see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; for 2nd item see Art. XIV, Missions; for 3rd item see Art. XVI, Appeals and References.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with divine services. The Committee on this subject reported the following order of services, which was adopted, and the persons designated filled their respective appointments :

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments :

Trinity Church.

Friday Evening, 7½.—Home Missionary Services. Addresses by Rev. T. C. Porter, D. D., and Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., fifteen minutes each, to be fol-

lowed by voluntary addresses, five minutes each, by members of Synod and Superintendent of Missions. Rev. D. E. Klopp D.D., to preside.

Saturday Evening, 7½.—Preparatory Services. Sermon by Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D.

Sunday Morning, 10 o'clock.—Synodical Communion. Sermon by Rev I. K. Loom, D. D.

Sunday, 2 o'clock, P. M.—Sunday-school. Addresses by Revs. O. H. Strunk and J. H. Pannebecker.

Sunday Evening, 7½ o'clock.—Foreign Missionary Services. Addresses by Rev. T. S. Johnson, D. D., and Rev. A. C. Whitmer, fifteen minutes each, followed by short addresses by members of Synod, five minutes each. Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., to preside.

Zion's Church.

Sunday, A. M.—German. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Pannebecker.

Sunday Evening—English. Sermon by Rev. T. S. Land.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D.

Evangelical Church.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. J. M. Hartzel.

Respectfully submitted,

L. K. EVANS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted its report. It was read, taken up item by item and adopted as a whole.

The report is as follows:—

The Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to submit the following report:

I. Irregularities.

1. Lebanon Classis gives no marginal references.
2. Tohickon Classis gives very few suitable marginal references.
3. Tohickon Classis licensed G. B. Smith and directed him to continue his studies. (p. 50).
4. West Susquehanna Classis failed to embody in their finance report the Gelbach Claim of \$11.49 which was referred to the committee on finance (p. 34).
5. The West Susquehanna Classis at a special meeting took action on an item not embodied in the call for said meeting, (p. 50).
6. East Susquehanna and Lancaster Classis failed to attach the seal of Classis to their copies:—
7. The Stated Clerk of Tohickon Classis failed to attest his minutes as a true copy of the original.
8. Goshenhoppen Classis dismissed Rev. D. E. Schoedler to San Francisco Classis, Synod of Potomac, provisionally, and this without dissolving the pastoral relation. (p. 31).

II. Requests.

9. East Susquehanna Classis overtures Synod to reduce the apportionment on said Classis for missions at least \$400. (p. 42).

10. Lebanon Classis asks Synod to continue its action in regard to the division of Classis and the organization of a new Classis to be called the Schnylikill Classis. (p. 29).

11. Lancaster Classis overtures Synod to put into the field an agent to secure additional Endowment for the Theological Seminary. (p. 33).

III. Appeals and Complaints.

12. The joint Consistory and Pastor Rev. H. F. Seiple of Hilltown Charge, Tohickon Classis, appeal from certain action of said Classis. (pp. 36, 40, 53).

13. Rev. C. H. Herbst appeals from the decision of Goshenhoppen Classis. (p. 28).

IV. Subjects referred to the Classes.

All the Classes adopted their apportionments and the various recommendations of Synod in regard to Church work and other interest, except as follows:

14. The East Susquehanna Classis assumed only \$1000 of the \$1284 apportioned for missions. (p. 42).

15. The same Classis, in the matter of Missionary Conventions did not adopt the time and place recommended. (p. 32).

16. West Susquehanna Classis did not adopt Synod's recommendation in regard to a Missionary Executive Committee and an Annual Classical Missionary Convention. (p. 42).

17. Goshenhoppen Classis did not adopt Synod's recommendation in regard to the unification of missionary work and missionary conventions. (p. 12).

18. Lancaster Classis did not adopt Synod's recommendation in regard to aiding the Agent of the Publication Board and lifting collections for said Board, (p. 36) and the unification of missionary work, (p. 40).

19. The answer of West Susquehanna Classis to Synod's request in the case of Rev. Henry Keller (p. 49.)

V. Licensure, Ordination, received and dismissed.

20. East Susquehanna Classis *received*: Rev. J. C. Leinbach from the Tohickon Classis, and Rev. J. C. Glantz from Chicago Classis, Synod of the North West. *Dismissed*: Rev. W. C. Schaeffer to Lebanon Classis, Rev. C. Baum to Ursinus Classis, Synod of the North West, and Rev. T. J. Barkley to Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

21. Philadelphia Classis *received*: Rev. S. T. Laury from the Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Rev. H. T. Spangler from Carlisle Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. E. D. Wettach from Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio. *Dismissed*: Rev. J. P. Stein to Lancaster Classis, Rev. N. J. Miller to West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. L. D. Stambaugh to Lebanon Classis, and Rev. H. M. Kieffer to East Pennsylvania Classis. *Ordained*: licentiate C. W. Levan.

22. Tohickon Classis *licensed* Rev. G. B. Smith; *dismissed* Rev. H. J. Walker to Lebanon Classis, Rev. J. C. Leinbach to East Susquehanna Classis, licentiate H. K. Binkley to East Pennsylvania Classis.

23. Lebanon Classis *received* Rev. S. A. Leinbach and Rev. W. J. Kerschner

from Lehigh Classis, Rev. H. J. Welker from Tohickon Classis, and Rev. L. D. Stambaugh from Philadelphia Classis: *dismissed* Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee and licentiate G. F. Mull to Lancaster Classis.

24. East Pennsylvania Classis *received* Rev. A. R. Thompson from Philadelphia Classis and licentiate H. K. Binkley from Tohickon Classis; and *dismissed* Rev. M. H. Mishler to Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac; *licensed* Charles B. Storer; *ordained* the licentiates F. W. Smith and H. K. Binkley.

25. West Susquehanna Classis *received* Rev. N. J. Miller from Philadelphia Classis, and Rev. D. H. Leader from Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburg; *dismissed* Rev. J. S. Wagner to Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburg, and Rev. S. M. Roeder to Lancaster Classis; *ordained* licentiate G. W. Gerhard.

26. Lehigh Classis *received* Rev. M. H. Dieffenderfer from Somerset Classis Synod of Pittsburg; *dismissed* Rev. W. J. Kerschner and S. A. Leinbach to Lebanon Classis; Rev. J. H. Hartman, Rev. W. E. Krebs and licentiate Frank A. Guth to Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac; licentiate A. P. Horn to North Carolina Classis, Synod of the Potomac; licentiate F. W. Smith to East Pennsylvania Classis; *licensed* F. A. Guth.

27. Goshenhoppen Classis *received* Rev. I. S. Stahr from West Susquehanna Classis, *dismissed* Rev. D. E. Schoedler to Classis of San Francisco, Synod of the Potomac.

28. Lancaster Classis *received* Rev. J. P. Stein from Philadelphia Classis, Rev. J. Külling, D. D., from German Philadelphia Classis, Ger. Synod of East, Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee and licentiate G. F. Mull from Lebanon Classis, Rev. S. M. Roeder from West Susquehanna Classis; *licensed* T. De Lyre, *ordained* licentiate D. B. Schneder.

VI. Miscellaneous.

29. Philadelphia Classis cedes the territory of the Lansdale church to Tohickon Classis, (p. 33).

VII. Time and Place of Meeting.

30. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church of Williamsport, Pa., on the third Wednesday of May 1885, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. Z. A. Yearick, President; Rev. W. A. Haas, Stated Clerk.

31. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church (Arndt's), Northampton Co., Pa., May 12th, 1885, at 10 A. M. Rev. J. E. Freeman, President; Rev. T. O. Stem, Stated Clerk.

32. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in Christ Reformed Church, Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., May 27th, 1885, at 7.30, P. M. Rev. T. J. Hacker, President; Rev. O. H. Strunck, Stated Clerk.

33. Philadelphia Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church of Philadelphia, Pa., June 4th, 1885, at 8 P. M. Rev. S. P. Mauger, President; Rev. J. H. Seehler, Stated Clerk.

34. Tohickon Classis will meet in St. John's Ref. Church of Quakertown, Pa., May 15th, 1885, at 7.30, P. M. Rev. J. M. Hartsell, President, Rev. N. Z. Snyder Stated Clerk.

35. Lebanon Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church of Lebanon, Pa., May 28th, 1885, at 8 P. M. Rev. Tobias Kessler, President; Rev. J. A. Reber, Stated Clerk.

36. Lehigh Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Kutztown, Pa., May 8th, 1885, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. E. A. Gernant, President; Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Stated Clerk.

37. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in Sassaman's Reformed Church, Sassamantown, Pa., the first Friday in May, 1885, at 2, P. M. Rev. S. M. K. Huber, President; Rev. L. J. Mayer, Stated Clerk.

38. Lancaster Classis will meet in Salem's Reformed Church, New Holland Charge, May 28th, 1885, at 7.30, P. M. Rev. W. F. Lichliter, President; Rev. D. W. Gerhard, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. C. WHITMER, *Chairman.*

The several items reported as irregularities were approved.

For action on 3rd, 10th, 12th, 13th and 19th item see Art XVI, References and Appeals. On 9th item see Art. XIV, Missions. On 11th item see Art. XIII, Theological Seminary. The remaining items of the report were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The following report was received from the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination and adopted.

Your Committee on the Examination of Applicants for Licensure and Ordination beg leave to report, that no business requiring action has been placed into their hands.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. C. PORTER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report was received from the Committee on the State of the Church, which was adopted.

Your Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics beg leave to report as follows, viz. .

All the documents, bearing on this subject, which are placed in our hands, give evidence of conflict, since it has become our lot to exist in a fallen state; no good can be looked for excepting as antagonized by evil. The farmer cultivates not excepting upon a soil whose natural predisposition is thorns and thistles, weeds and briars. The student can not inquire into the nature of things, in the way of seeking to understand the truth excepting he likewise contends with liability to error and misunderstanding. So neither can men pursue their religious calling without the presence and power of the kingdom of darkness. Whilst

this state of things is acknowledged by all, it is not always remembered. Hence we fail, in a measure, to give honor to the great Captain of our salvation, for the evidences of victory, which are manifested among us.

When we therefore see that, even though sin abounds, grace does so much more abound. We should be filled with comfort and joy that, in very deed, our Lord is counting us worthy to share in reconciling the world unto himself.

It affords us therefore no little joy to be able to recount the following evidence of substantial progress. We have been repairing, beautifying and building houses of worship. We have been giving increased attention to the instruction and nurture of the young. The tender plant is carefully surrounded with proper influences in the family and Sunday school and catechetical class. We have made an increase in the number of members of the church, still better, we have had an increase of the number of communicants.

A still higher evidence of growth in grace is, an increase in the benevolent contributions. The orphan cause has been warmly cherished. Concern was felt not only for self, but for the spiritually poor and destitute at home and abroad. We are beginning to see more and more clearly that to grow in grace and to do ourselves the greatest good we must be mindful of the wants of others. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "He who *doeth* the will of our heavenly Father he shall *know* whether this doctrine be of God." We are coming more clearly to know that "to him who hath shall be given" when what one hath is put to proper use and exercise. We are apprehending the teaching of our catechism more practically, so that we can now speak freely of good works as the necessary complement of true faith. Yea we are even getting bold enough in the faith to speak of the "hope of reward" as the proper stimulus to good works.

So long as these truths are apprehended as those written upon the tablets of our hearts by "the Lord, the giver of life," we would be recreant to our trust if we heard them not as the voice of our triumphant Lord, marshalling us for universal conquest and dominion.

Among the most important if not *the* most important event, during the present synodical year, was the memorial service in commemoration of the birth and labors of that martyr reformer Ulrich Zwingli.

As we pondered over the labors, the trials, the self-denials and the tragic death of this man of God, we could not help to be filled with devout thankfulness to God for the manifold blessings and advantages which through him have fallen to our heritage. May the life of him, and all such, stimulate us to like full consecration of all our powers to the service of our master, that we may prove ourselves worthy sons of such brave heroes in the faith.

Lastly: The faithful lives and death of many of our fellow servants in the Lord, admonish us to be faithful and work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. With devout thanks for the glorious examples of these who have gone before us in the way of faith and salvation, we buckle on our armor, and press forward in the labors assigned us, having before us the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus, that we also may at last reign with Him world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. STECKEL, *Chairman.*

[For Statistical reports see Appendix.]

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

(a.) *Report of Board of Trustees.*

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Brethren: The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary held their regular meetings during the year. At the spring meeting the old officers were re-elected for the current year, viz: D. W. Gross, President; Geo. W. Hensel, Vice-President; John B. Roth, Treasurer; Edw. J. Zahm, Secretary.

The Executive Committee are D. W. Gross, Geo. W. Hensel, John B. Roth, Edw. J. Zahm, and Geo. Z. Kunkle.

The Treasurer's Report will explain the financial operations of the Board for the year. It will be seen that the contributions from the churches have increased considerably, and your Board are well satisfied that a continued and systematic effort on the part of the pastors will result in still better support for the institution. We desire in this connection to call especial attention to the contribution made by Rev. A. L. Dechant's charge. Without any special effort, but simply by presenting the claims and wants of the Theological Seminary, he raised and paid over to the Treasurer \$841.30. What he did in his charge can be done in others if only the people are made acquainted with the facts in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

EDW. J. ZAHM, *Secretary.*

October 2, 1884.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1883.

DR.

Oct. 10.	To Int. from A. B. Wingerd	\$ 150 00
" 29.	" " " Geo. Sarbaugh	90 00
Nov. 3.	" " " E. M. Killough, to Nov. 4, '83	75 00
" 19.	" " " St. Stephen's chapel, to Oct. 29, '83	42 00
" 23.	" " " T. G. Apple, D.D., to July 1, '83	24 00
" 23.	" " " U. H. Heilman, Tr. Carlisle Classis	27 85
" 24.	" " " C. A. Shults, Tr. Zion's Classis	23 22
Dec. 12.	" " " W. L. Harbaugh, on account	40 00
" 14.	" " " A. B. Wingerd, to Nov. 1, '83	249 72
1884.		
Jan. 3.	" " " Jacob Heyser, on account	37 50
" 5.	" " " Heckerman's Note to Feb. 24, '84	60 00
" 16.	" " " A. M. Stacy, to Dec. 13, '83	24 00
" 22.	" " " Jacob Heyser, on account	37 50
Feb. 7.	" " " Geo. M. Schroyer, to date	105 00
" 29.	" " " Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds, Dec. 1, '83	150 00
" 29.	" " " John Becker, Feb. 28, '84	240 00

Mar.	3.	To Int. from Geo. Carbaugh, to April 1, '83	120 00
"	8.	" " " Allemania Fire Ins. Co.	20 00
"	8.	" " " on Loan	50
"	17.	" " " E. S. Stehman, to Feb. 1, '84	15 00
"	24.	" " " George Sarbaugh, on account	90 00
"	29.	" " " Quarryville Bank Stock	42 00
"	31.	" " " S. M. Keen, to April 1, '84	75 00
Apr.	1.	" " " Houseworth Mortgage to April 1, '84	45 00
"	1.	" " " Jacob Eckman, to April 1, '84	56 83
"	3.	" " " Urban & Burger Mortgage, to April 1, '84	105 00
"	4.	" " " Jacob Heyser, on account	75 00
"	4.	" " " John Kepner, to April 1, '84	63 00
"	7.	" " " Geo. Sarbaugh, to April 1, '84	5 00
"	21.	" " " Rev. W. Haas, Tr. W. Susq. Classis	9 49
"	25.	" " " C. A. Shultz, Tr. Carlisle Classis	6 50
"	25.	" " " M. P. Heckerman Note in full	4 10
May	2.	" " " E. M. Killough, to May 1, '84	75 00
"	2.	" " " E. V. Gerhart, to April 1, '84	30 84
"	8.	" " " Robinson Judgment to April 1, '84	60 00
"	19.	" " " Kieffer legacy to April 1, '84, J. Meiley, Tr.	350 00
"	19.	" " " Cook legacy, to April 1, '84, I. Meiley, Tr.	72 00
"	21.	" " " Bond Juniata Classis to July 1, '84	30 00
"	24.	" " " " Carlisle Classis, C. A. Shultz, Tr.	12 50
"	24.	" " " " Zion's Classis	23 22
June	3.	" " " " P. M. Ermentrout to April 1, '84	270 00
"	11.	" " " " E. V. Gerhart, D. D., to Oct. 1, '84	17 65
"	18.	" " " " Lehigh V. R. R. to June 1, '84	150 00
"	21.	" " " " E. G. Smith to April 28, '84	6 00
"	26.	" " " " Loan	9 00
"	27.	" " " " Bond A. M. Steacy to June 13, '84	24 00
"	27.	" " " " " Mercersburg Classis to July 1, '84	30 00
July	3.	" " " " Note Account to July 1, '84	42 00
"	3.	" " " " John B. Roth to April 1, '84	50 00
"	13.	" " " " Divid'd Harrisburg Bridge Co. Stock	5 60
"	26.	" " " " Int. from E. S. Stehman to Aug. 1, '84	15 00
Aug.	2.	" " " " T. Roger to Aug. 1, '84	15 00
"	6.	" " " " G. W. Schroyer to Aug. 8, '84	105 00
"	12.	" " " " Jacob Heyser on account	75 00
"	28.	" " " " Classis of Lehigh to Oct. 1, '84	15 00
"	29.	" " " " John Becker to Aug. 28, '84	240 00
Sept.	10.	" " " " on Bond of Lebanon Classis to June 30, '84	30 00
"	11.	" " " " " " E. Susq. Classis to Oct. 1, '84	30 00
"	11.	" " " " from Geo. F. Baer to April 21, '84	30 00
"	13.	" " " " A. B. Wingerd's Est. to May 1, '84	96 72
"	13.	" " " " G. S. Griffith to Jan. 1, '84	30 00
"	30.	" " " " E. J. Zahn to April 1, '84	327 67
"	30.	" " " " on Houseworth Mort. to Oct. 1, '84	45 00
"	30.	" " " " Divid'd No. 23 Allemania F. Ins. Co.	20 00

Sept. 30.	Divid'd Building Fund Int. received to date	243 38
" 30.	" Seminary Aid Fund received to date	1,662 11

1883.		CR.	\$6,345 90
Oct. 1.	By Bal. due Treas. per report		\$1349 35
" 23.	" Amt. paid I. R. Goodell's Bill		54 00
Nov. 7.	" Assessment Quarryville Bank Stock		8 00
" 14.	" F. A. Gast, D. D., salary account		100 00
" 14.	" T. G. Apple, D. D., salary account		200 00
" 14.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary account		200 00
Dec. 15.	" Amt. paid C. Moser's Bill		1 75
" 17.	" " " F. A. Gast, D. D., salary to Jan. 1, '84		150 00
" 17.	" " " T. G. Apple, D. D., salary to Jan. 1, '84		175 00
" 17.	" " " E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary to Jan. 1, '84		175 00
" 31.	" " Back int. on Investment		13 42
" 31.	" " paid Stoner, Shreiner & Co. Bill		40 25
1884.			
Jan. 9.	" " " Barne's Bill Printing		2 00
" 19.	" " " E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary account		100 00
Feb. 8.	" " " E. V. Gerhart, D. D., " "		100 00
" 8.	" " " F. A. Gast, D. D., " "		150 00
" 8.	" " " T. G. Apple, D. D., " "		200 00
" 22.	" " " J. Bausman, Treas., to Jan. 1, '84		50 00
Mar. 1.	" " " Sundry Bills repairs		3 73
" 15.	" " " One-third Bill of Catalogues		23 17
Apr. 3.	" " " E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary to April 1, '84		175 00
" 3.	" " " T. G. Apple, D. D., " " "		175 00
" 3.	" " " F. A. Gast, D. D., " " "		100 00
" 7.	" " " Apple & McKinstry Bill		1 20
" 8.	" " " G. L. Fondersmith's Bill		1 85
" 8.	" " " J. Bausman, Treas., to April 1, '84		50 00
" 16.	" " " Gibb's Bill repairs		1 00
May 2.	" " " E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary account		200 00
" 9.	" " " T. G. Apple, D. D., " "		200 00
" 9.	" " " G. A. Gast, D. D., " "		150 00
June 3.	" " " E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary to July 1, '84		175 00
" 7.	" " " Humphreville & Kieffer Bill		5 00
" 13.	" " " F. A. Gast, D. D., salary to July 1, '84		100 00
" 13.	" " " T. G. Apple, D. D., " " "		175 00
July 5.	" " " J. Bausman, Treas., to July 1, '84		50 00
" 5.	" " " Bill of repairs, E. V. G.		7 00
" 16.	" " " I. M. Harnish, Painting		15 00
" 30.	" " " E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary account		200 00
" 30.	" " " T. G. Apple, D. D., " "		200 00
" 30.	" " " F. A. Gast, D. D., " "		150 00
" 31.	" " " W. Hubert's Bill		3 15
Aug. 21.	" " " T. W. Fry's Bill		6 19
Sept. 2.	" " " E. Bookmyer's Bill		10 75

Sept. 3.	To Cash Paid E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary to Oct. 1 '84 . . .	175 00
" 3.	" " " T. G. Apple, D. D., " " " . . .	175 00
" 3.	" " " F. A. Gast, D. D., " " " . . .	100 00
" 3.	" " " W. Long's Bill	5 00
" 10.	" " " B. B. Martin's Coal Bill	49 50
" 15.	" " " Humphreville & Kieffer's Bill	33 45
" 16.	" " " John B. Roth, Treas., salary to Oct. 1, '84 . . .	100 00
" 30.	" Int. " To Library Fund on \$1,319 96 invested with End. Fund	118 79

\$6,003 54

Amount Dr. brought forward 6,345 90

Amount Cr. brought down 6,003 54

Lancaster, Oct. 1, 1884. Bal. due Theological Seminary is \$342 36

The undersigned Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's Account and compared his vouchers, find the same correct.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 2, 1884.

ISAAC H. KEEFER,
ISRAEL LAUCKS.

LIBRARY FUND.

Lancaster, Oct. 1, 1884.

JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer of Theological Seminary, in account with LIBRARY FUND.

1883.	DR.	
Oct. 1.	Amount of Principal	\$2,069 96
1883.	DR.	
Oct. 1.	To balance due per account rendered	\$ 141 26
Nov. 5.	" Cash received from F. A. Gast, D. D.	15 00
1884.		
Sept. 30.	" Int. from E. J. Zahm to April 1, '84	15 00
" 30.	" Int on \$1,319 96 from End. Fund to Oct. 1, '84	118 79

\$290 05

1883.	CR.	
Oct. 23.	By Bill paid F. Christern	\$ 1 50
" 23.	" " " S. H. Zahm & Co.	15 40
Nov. 13.	" " " C. R. Ferner	6 90
" 19.	" " " C. R. Ferner	19 50
Dec. 29.	" " " I. G. Banks	3 50
1884.		
Feb. 1.	" " " S. H. Zahm & Co.	13 10
" 1.	" " " A. Bendel	1 40
" 22.	" " " F. W. Christern	4 20
" 23.	" " " H. L. Trouts	4 90
" 27.	" " " J. D. Carson & Co.	12 00
Mar. 8.	" " " F. W. Christern	2 80
" 11.	" " " C. R. Ferner	4 00
" 21.	" " " S. H. Zahm & Co.	20 60
Apr. 28.	" " " C. R. Ferner	32 85
June 13.	" " " F. W. Christern	4 20
" 16.	" " " Insurance on Library	15 00
Aug. 18.	" " " S. H. Zahm & Co.	16 35

\$178 20

Oct. 1. " Balance due Library Fund \$111 85

JOHN B. ROTH, Treas.

STATEMENT OF SMALTZ FUND.

1883.	Principal	\$5,000 00
Oct. 1. 1884.	DR.	
Apr. 9.	To Int. received to April 1, '84	137 50
1884.	CR.	
Apr. 10.	By Amount paid C. G. Fisher, Treas.	\$137 50

PITTSBURGH PROF. FUND.

Amount of Principal is \$1,718 30

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1883.		
Oct. 1.	Amt. of Principal is	\$69,349 76
1884.		
Mar. 12.	" Legacy from Executor of Christiana Loose, of Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa.	\$500 00
	Less Collateral Inheritance Tax	25 00 475 00
		\$69,824 76
June 17.	By action of Theo. Seminary Board (see Minutes), the following amounts were ordered to be de- ducted, having no value: Bond	\$1,000 00
	"	500 00
	Note	100 00 1,600 00

Amt. of Fund Oct. 1, '84 \$68,224 76

The undersigned Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's Ac-
count and compared his vouchers, find the same correct.

Lancaster, Oct. 2, 1884.

ISAAC H. KERFER,
ISRAEL LAUCKS.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY RELIEF FUND.

1883.		
Oct. 8.	To L. Markell, Treas. Potomac Synod	80 00
Nov. 23.	" Rev. U. Heilman, Treas. Carlisle Classis	6 50
Dec. 4.	" St. Luke's Mission, Lancaster	1 25
1884.		
Jan. 3.	" Rev. J. W. Love, Irwin Charge	\$3 00
" 3.	" " " " Greensburg Charge	5 00
		8 00
" 5.	" " T. A. Huber, Broadheadville Charge	10 00
" 15.	" First Church, Lancaster	16 00
" 16.	" Third St. Reformed Church, Easton	44 00
" 19.	" St. John's Cong., Williamsport	3 00
" 21.	" Trinity Reformed Church, York	17 00
" 26.	" Geo. P. Hartzell, Sunbury, Augusta Charge	24 42
Feb. 2.	" Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg	40 00
" 2.	" D. W. Gerhard, N. Holland	11 79

Feb. 2.	To	Christ Reformed Church, Green street, Phila. . . .	24 88
" 4.	"	St. Stephen's cong., Lancaster	8 48
" 7.	"	E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Frederick, Md.	50 00
" 7.	"	Trinity Reformed Church, Pottsville	15 00
" 7.	"	First Reformed Church, Pottsville	9 00
" 8.	"	Rev. D. B. Schneder, Marietta	2 60
" 8.	"	J. H. Leinbach, Kutztown	42 00
" 8.	"	S. G. Wagner, Allentown	36 00
" 9.	"	J. A. Reber, Cressona	12 75
" 20.	"	D. B. Lady, Bush Creek Charge	6 00
" 22.	"	N. Z. Snyder, S. Bethlehem	6 65
" 22.	"	" " S. Easton	4 87
" 26.	"	H. M. Kieffer, Norristown	11 52
Mar. 5.	"	T. O. Stern, Tr. E. P. Classis, Grace Chapel	2 00
" 5.	"	" " " Broadheadville Charge	9 25
" 5.	"	Rev. Rothtroek, Kintnersville, Durham Charge .	11 25
" 10.	"	Geo. W. Hensel, Quarryville cong.	10 00
" 14.	"	I. K. Loos, Rittersville cong	3 05
" 14.	"	" " Christ Ref. Church, Bethlehem	8 00
" 15.	"	T. S. Johnston, D. D. Tr. Leb. Classis, St. John's, Reading	10 00
" 15.	"	T. S. Johnston, D. D., Tr. Lebanon Classis, three members Yocum's Charge	1 50
" 22.	"	Geo. P. Hartzell, additional from Augusta Charge .	1 25
" 24.	"	St. John's Ref. cong., Riegelsville, Bucks Co . . .	10 33
" 27.	"	H. C. Forney, Tr. Grace chg., A. P. Horn, pastor .	6 15
" 27.	"	" " Tr. Hickory chg., Newton, N. C. . . .	1 85
Apr. 2.	"	Mahanoy charge, Rev. A. R. Hottenstein	8 00
" 15.	"	Geo. Hill, Tr. E. S. Classis, Mt. Zion charge . . .	35 00
" 15.	"	" " " " " Millersburg	7 00
" 15.	"	St. Mark's Ch., Zion's chge., C. M. Boush, Tr. . .	6 45
" 16.	"	Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, Ref. Ch., Middletown, Md. .	13 45
" 16.	"	" Geo. A. Zellers, Minersville	20 05
" 16.	"	" " " " " Clousers	20 00
" 16.	"	" " " " " Tremont	3 26
" 17.	"	C. M. Bower, Tr. Bellefonte cong.	3 85
" 21.	"	Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. W. S. Classis	2 54
" 25.	"	" E. A. Gernant, Allentown	9 65
" 25.	"	Shenango charge, Rev. Pilgram, Pastor	10 56
" 26.	"	Myersdale charge, Rev. Schick	44 89
" 26.	"	Zion's charge, Rev. Keener	24 51
" 26.	"	Paradise charge, C. U. Heilman	29 34
			21 73

Apr. 28.	To	Christ Ref. S. S., Bethlehem	6 00	
" 28.	"	A Member of same cong., Rev. Loos'	3 00	
				9 00
" 28.	"	Duncannon, Rev. Lewis, pastor	2 80	
" 28.	"	Landisburg cong., Rev. Spangler, pastor	2 88	
				5 68
May 2.	"	Rev. A. F. Ziegler's cong., Keller's charge, Telford, Pa.		6 10
" 2.	"	C. M. Boush, Tr., per Dr. J. H. Apple, Sagertown chg.		20 06
" 3.	"	Salem Ref. Ch., Allentown, Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs . .		10 00
" 14.	"	A. B. Koplin, Lower Saucon, per I. G. Gerhart .		20 00
" 19.	"	J. M. Evans, Curllsville charge, Pittsburg Synod .		13 59
" 23.	"	W. W. Sellers, Tr. Zion's Ref. Ch., Chambersburg .		6 41
" 24.	"	C. W. Levan, East-Shore, Md., Mission		3 50
" 28.	"	H. J. Myers, Apportionment Gettysburg Classis . .		20 00
" 29.	"	St. Paul's Ref. Ch., Lancaster, Dr. Shoemaker . .		13 15
" 31.	"	Salem charge. Rev. A. A. Black, pastor		6 40
" 31.	"	Wapwallopen charge, Geo. Hill, Tr. E. S. Classis .		11 73
June 3.	"	J. H. Pannebesker, Tr. Lancaster Classis, Bethany .	1 00	
" 3.	"	" " Millersville cong	18 00	
" 3.	"	" " 2nd Church, Harrisburg	3 73	
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" 3.	"	Rev. Sweitzer, Reamstown charge		7 01
" 12.	"	" " D. C. Tobias		5 25
" 17.	"	" " A. L. Dechant's charge, Pennsburg	618 00	
Aug. 28.	"	" " " " " "	23 30	
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June 19.	"	St. John's Ch., Schuy'l Haven, Rev. J. O. Johnson		8 00
" 19.	"	Jerusalem charge, Rev. W. Donat		10 40
Aug. 4.	"	Lenhartsville charge, Rev. Benj. Weiss		10 00
" 18.	"	Greenville and W. Hamburg cong., F. B. Hahn . .		19 00
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Oct. 1, 1884. Transferred to Treasurer's general account.				
JOHN B. ROTH, Treas.				

(b.) *Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theol. Seminary for the Year 1883-84.*

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE REF. CHURCH IN THE U. S.

Respected Brethren :—The Board of Visitors have authorized the undersigned to present to your honorable body the following report of the operations of the Theological Seminary during the past year.

The following students were admitted to the Junior Class at the opening of the Seminary Year, eleven in number: J. Nevin Bauman, Robert E. Crum, J. Oliver George, James W. Myer, Gustave A. Schwedes, Addison E. Snyder, David A. Souders, John F. Mackley, Maurice W. Mauch, Milton A. Mill, Wilson F. More.

Messrs. Crum and Myer were admitted to the so-called *Partial Course*. All the others are college graduates; Mr. Mackley, of Pennsylvania College, Mr.

More, of Lehigh University, and the rest of F. and M. College. The class has pursued all the branches of study presented in the Course of Instruction.

The Middle Class consisted of the members of the Junior Class of the previous year, with one exception, Carl Bez, who, on account of negligence and bad conduct, was dismissed from the Institution. There was one addition to the class, Peter M. Trexler, who graduated from F. and M. College in 1883. In view of his previous theological training, he was judged to be qualified for admittance into the Middle Class without passing through the class below.

The members of the Senior Class, five in number, having completed the course in the Seminary prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, received the usual Testimonial, setting forth these facts at the last anniversary of the Seminary. Their names are as follows: Solomon A. Alt, Theodore G. De Lyre, Calvin B. Heller, E. Ransom Deatrick, Philip F. Matzinger.

The examinations of the students were partly oral and partly written. All the examination papers of the students were submitted to the members of the Board for inspection. These, with the written sermons of the Senior Class, also examined by the Board, were satisfactory. During the year twenty-four students were on the roll.

In accordance with the action of the Board taken some years ago, the Faculty has been giving the members of the Senior Class permission during the Summer vacation to supply vacant missionary fields or regular pastoral charges, under the direction and supervision of the proper authorities. It is believed that such practical work has served a good purpose to the students themselves as well as to vacant congregations and destitute missionary fields.

The moral conduct and Christian life of the students have been good. Taken as a whole, they have been diligent and faithful, and their proficiency in their studies has proved to be satisfactory to the Faculty and the Board. As a body, all of them at present give promise of becoming approved and efficient workmen in the vineyard of the Lord.

Three of the five members of the Senior Class have taken charge of missions under the care of the Home Board, and one has gone into a regular charge, and that in a destitute region of the South. These facts speak for themselves, and give emphasis to the request made in our report last year, that your Synod should make efforts to secure a larger number of young men to devote themselves to the ministry, so that the wants of the Church may be more fully met.

In reference to the death of the Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D. D., referred to in our last annual report, the Board at its last meeting adopted the following action, and entered it on its minutes:

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove by death our much beloved and faithful co-laborer in the work and service of the holy ministry, and for a number of years an efficient member of this Board; therefore,

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn his departure, endeared to us by the tenderest ties, intensified by his truly genial spirit and eminent Christian virtues, by his constant and efficient services in the work of the Seminary, and by his sincere devotion to all that pertained to the cause and kingdom of Christ.

Resolved, That we will ever cherish his memory with sincere affection, and strive to emulate his noble virtues and exemplary Christian life.

Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy and condolence, praying that "He who tempers the storm to the shorn lamb" will graciously sustain them in their great sorrow.

Lancaster, Oct. 7, 1884.

THEODORE APPEL, Sec.

(c.) *Report of the Board of Education.*

Board of Education of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, Treasurer.

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By Balance in Treasury, Oct. 1, 1883	\$464 47
By Cash from Treasurer of Tohickon Classis	140 37
" " " East Pennsylvania Classis	310 00
" " " Ref. Church Pub. Board, Interest	180 84
" " Whitemarsh Congregation	15 00
" " J. B. Roth, Tr. Theol. Seminary, Smaltz Fund	275 00
" " J. B. Roth, Tr. Theol. Seminary, on Gerhart Legacy	6 00
" " Harrisburg Bank, Dividends	33 75
" " S. A. Baer, amount refunded	100 00
" " Rev. G. W. Roth, amount refunded in full	391 76
" " Treas. Board of Missions, General Synod, and of Legacy from Est. Rev. W. F. P. Davis, to be invested, less expenses	493 00

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	\$2,410 19
To Cash paid beneficiaries of East Pennsylvania Classis	\$310 00
" " Tohickon Classis	140 37
" " on Smaltz Fund	150 00
" " on General Fund	425 00
" Rev. T. Appel, D. D., Secretary of Board, Salary	20 00
" Rev. A. H. Kremer, D.D. President of Board	4 65
" Expenses of Treasurer to Lancaster	6 55
" Balance in Treasury	1353 62
	\$2,410 19

We, the undersigned, do hereby report that we have examined the vouchers called for by this paper, and have found them correct.

THOS. C. PORTER,
S. G. WAGNER.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing documents have been referred, submitted their report. The report was taken up item by item and adopted. The report is as follows:

Fathers and Brethren.—Your Committee on the Theological Seminary would beg leave to offer the following report;

The following documents were placed in our hands: the Report of the Board of Visitors, the Report of the Board of Trustees, the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

1. The Board of Visitors informs us of the internal condition of the institution. Among other things they state that "two of the five graduates took charge of missions under the care of the Board, and one has gone into a regular charge in the destitute region of the South. These facts give emphasis to the request made to Synod last year—that Synod should make efforts to secure a larger number of young men to devote themselves to the ministry, that the wants of the Church may be more fully met." In view of this want we offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the Classes direct the pastors to repeat from the pulpit the divine call to the ministry; that they urge the responsibility of the work upon young men who are talented and of approved piety, and that they devise ways and means to give them the requisite preparation.

2. From the Treasurer's Report we learn that the Relief Fund received contributions from congregations during the year to the amount of \$1,662.11. By this assistance the deficit of last year, \$1,349.35, was paid.

He received from all sources \$6,345.90, and paid out \$6,003.54, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$342.36. He also informs us that notes held against donors, amounting to \$1,600, have been declared by the Board of "no value." On the other hand we gratefully note the reception of a legacy from the estate of Christiansa Loose, Greencastle, Pa., in the sum of \$475. This leaves us an endowment fund of \$68,224.76.

We offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the Classes be instructed to encourage their congregations to take a collection during the year for the Relief Fund.

3. The Treasurer of the Board of Education reports that he received \$2,410.19, and paid out \$1,056.57. He has therefore on hand a balance of \$1,353.62.

We note in this report a commendable fact. A number of students who received favors from this Board, but failed to enter the ministry, refunded in part or in full the amount so received.

4. Your Committee is confronted by serious facts. We are dependent to a peculiar extent on the so-called Relief Fund to carry forward this important work. The Board of Trustees say "they are satisfied that a continued and systematic effort on the part of the pastors will result in still better support of the institution." The faculty is overworked. One member serves as President of F. and M. College. One member, in the estimation of your Committee, is inadequately supported. Our demand for more students stands inseparably connected with enlarged facilities. We hear of zeal and progress in this work in other portions of God's heritage. The general culture of the age crowds us. We *must* soon do aggressive work. The "powers of the world to come" are upon us. Is not the command now addressed to us: "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward?" In view of these and kindred claims, your Committee would respectfully suggest the *propriety of considering* the following points:

(1.) An addition to the Endowment Fund of the Theological Seminary, in order to accomplish a two-fold purpose: (a) to have an annual income sufficient

to meet all the necessary expenses of the institution as now organized; (b) to complete the endowment of the chair of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology.

(2.) The question of establishing a new or additional professorship in the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,
H. MOSSER, *Chairman.*

During the consideration of the report on the Theological Seminary, Synod, on Saturday, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, and appointed Rev. N. S. Strassburger chairman of the same. The discussion was continued during the morning and afternoon sessions, after which the Committee rose, and through its chairman reported its action as follows:

WHEREAS, The Theological Seminary opened at Carlisle in the Spring of 1825, and now located at Lancaster, is the mother institution of all the schools of Classical and Theological learning of the Reformed Church in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The Seminary has been stationary, as regards the numerical strength of the Faculty, for the last thirty years or more; and,

WHEREAS, During this period there has been much progress in the Theological culture of the American churches, and in the equipment of our Theological Seminaries generally; and in consequence the demand now made by the Church on the Seminary is greater than when the Faculty was organized; and,

WHEREAS, The membership of the congregations of this Synod have the financial ability and, as is believed, the latent willingness to furnish the funds for the more adequate endowment of the institution and the enlargement of the Faculty; therefore, in reliance upon the support and benediction of Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, be it

Resolved, 1. That a committee be appointed consisting of one minister representing this Synod, and one person, either minister or elder, in each Classis, to obtain by application to the wealthier members of the congregations the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the better endowment of the Theological Seminary.

2. That two-fifths of the amount, or twenty thousand dollars, be raised for the two-fold purpose—*first*, of securing a sufficient annual income to defray the annual regular and incidental expenses of the institution as now organized: and *second*, of completing the endowment of the Chair of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology.

3. That the other three-fifths, or thirty thousand dollars, be raised for the purpose of founding a new or additional Professorship.

4. That the department of instruction to be assigned to the proposed new chair be determined by the Board of Visitors in conjunction with the Faculty, subject, however, to the approval of this Synod.

The report of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole was adopted, and a committee of five, consisting of Revs. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Dr. D. Van Horne, Dr. S. G. Wagner, and Elders Jacob Rader and Thomas Strauss, were appointed to nominate a certain

number of persons to carry out the action of Synod, as required in the above report.

The committee subsequently reported the following action, which was adopted. It is as follows :

The committee appointed to nominate persons to compose the committee required by the action of Synod on the further endowment of the Theological Seminary, propose the following names :

To represent the Synod, Rev. Dr. S. G. Wagner ; Classis of East Penna., Rev. T. O. Stem ; Classis of Lebanon, Rev. Dr. Jon. E. Helster ; Classis of Philadelphia, Rev. Josiah D. Detrich ; Classis of Lancaster, Elder Geo. W. Hensel ; Classis of East Susquehanna, Rev. Geo. B. Dechant ; Classis of West Susquehanna, Rev. A. C. Whitmer ; Classis of Goshenhoppen, Rev. L. Kryder Evans ; Classis of Tohickon, Rev. A. B. Koplin ; Classis of Lehigh, Rev. Wm. R. Holford ; Classis of Schuylkill, Rev. Henry Mosser.

We also recommend the following action : That this committee be and hereby is authorized and instructed to fill all vacancies occurring by death, resignation or otherwise.

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

MEMBERS CONSTITUTING THE BOARDS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Board of Visitors.—Revs. Amos H. Kremer, D. D., Daniel M. Wolf, Chas. F. McCauley, D. D., Joseph H. Apple, D. D., J. O. Miller, D. D., Albert E. Truxal, Theodore Appel, D. D., Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., E. R. Eschbach, D. D., W. R. H. Deatrich, D. D., Thos. C. Porter, D. D., Chas. G. Fisher.

Board of Trustees.—Daniel W. Gross, John B. Roth, George Z. Kunkle, Henry Wirt, Wm. J. Baer, Owen L. Schreiber, George W. Hensell, Henry M. Cocklin, Israel Laucks, Edward J. Zahm, Louis Markel, Charles Santee, Isaac H. Kieffer, Wm. E. Schmertz, Thomas J. Craig, John Hallman, Aaron G. Penninger, A. R. Schnebly.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF TRI-SYNODICAL BOARD.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Fathers and Brethren:—We transmit to you the annual report of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. These reports commend themselves to your careful consideration. Our people are becoming more awakened to the importance of this good work, and are all becoming more liberal. The demands made upon us now, are greater than they have been at any previous time. Our hope is that the Church will come up to the measure of her duty.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. SUTHER, *Secretary.*

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR 1883-84.

To the Reverend Synods of Pittsburgh, of the Potomac, and of the United States:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—The Superintendent, respectfully presents to your honorable bodies his Seventh Annual Report of the progress and present condition of the missions under the care of the Board of Home Missions of the Church.

Of the missions that have been sustained by your respective Boards, 82 are in Pennsylvania; 3 in Maryland; 6 in Virginia; 1 in Delaware; 1 in the District of Columbia; 3 in North Carolina; 1 in New York; 8 in Kansas; 1 in Nebraska; 8 in California; 4 in Oregon; 1 in Washington Territory; 2 in Iowa; and one in Valparaiso, Chili, S. A.

PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Grace Church, Easton.*—Under the Board eight years. Members, 100; last year 86. S. S. scholars, about 100. Baptisms, 15. Additions, 16. Losses, 2. For benevolence, \$48. Local objects, about \$100. Value of property, \$4,000. No debt. Attendance on public worship steadily improving. Sunday-school papers circulated. The prospects of the mission good. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$250. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler, D.D.

2. *Salem's Church, Catasauqua.*—This mission is gradually gaining ground and making progress towards self-support. During the past year it succeeded in paying off all the indebtedness, which was reported last year at \$1,250. It also succeeded in placing a new organ in the church for \$300, and this was also paid for. Members, 150. Sunday-school scholars, 200. Value of church property, \$10,000. No further statistics given. Appropriation last year \$350. This year \$350. Pastor, J. J. Crist.

3. *Zion's Reformed Church, Stroudsburg.*—One congregation — members, 50. No Sunday-school as yet. Baptisms, 3. For benevolence, \$12. Value of property, \$6,500.

This mission has made encouraging progress during the past year. The new church building is nearly finished and will be dedicated in October. It will cost something over \$6,000, for which about four-fifths have been provided, and it is hoped by the time the new building is dedicated the remaining one-fifth will also be secured. A good spirit pervades the members, and they have much more confidence in their present enterprise than they had a year or two ago. The pastor by request of Classis has been supplying some country congregations, and thus with a new church on hand, and traveling about the country to secure the means to complete it, he has had his hands full of work; but his first year of missionary work has been a prosperous one. He has received encouragement and valuable financial assistance all along, from the other congregations in the classis. No statistics given. Appropriation last year, \$275. This year, \$275. Pastor, G. W. Kershner.

4. *St. Stephen's, Reading.*—Organized March 16, 1884, with 57 members. Members at present 90. S. S. scholars, 240. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 83. Benevolence, \$9.00. Local objects, considerable. The mission has a comfortable brick church, 36 by 70 feet, with a seating capacity for 500 persons, that costs \$3,600, for which the Reformed churches in Reading made a generous provision, with the exception of \$400 which as yet remains unpaid. This with \$3,000 debt on the lot makes the entire indebtedness \$3,400. The new church was dedicated on the 30th of December, 1883. A Reformed Church in the northern part of the city was much needed, and this meets a want that could not be met by the other churches of the place. The mission has the hearty good will as well as the moral, spiritual and financial support of all the Reformed churches and pastors of Reading. Appropriation last year, \$800. This year, \$250. Pastor, C. S. Gerhard. Commissioned, Nov. 1, 1883.

5. *The Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia.*—Owing to a change of pastors this report covers only seven months of the year. Members, 50. S. S. scholars, 64. Two Baptisms. Six additions. For benevolence, \$13.48, and for local objects, \$750—since June 1st.

After the former pastor, Mr. Stein, signified his desire to withdraw from this mission, the services of the Rev. G. H. Johnston were secured, with the understanding that the old church should be sold and a new one put up in a better location. This had become a necessity for the success and growth of the mission, and the Council after giving the matter a careful consideration came to the conclusion that either the mission must be given up or be placed on a better basis, and prosecuted under new auspices. (The former pastor confirmed this judgment by his own experience and observation.) Accordingly an eligible lot of ground was secured for \$5,500 for this purpose, \$1,800 of which has been paid, and for the remainder a mortgage has been given. Mr. Johnston has been spending a considerable part of his time in securing funds for the purpose of erecting a new chapel in the rear of the lot. It is to be moderate in size, and is to be used hereafter as a lecture room, and for the Sunday-school when the mission is able to put up a larger building. Thus far he has met with a reasonable degree of success wherever he has gone. He has, however, on hand a large undertaking, and a very important work for the church. He ought to be liberally encouraged by the congregations and pastors, at a distance as well as those nearer at home. The old church has not as yet found a purchaser. After the mortgage on it is paid off, something will be left for the chapel. Owing to the pastor's frequent absences from home, the mission has not received the pastoral attention which its circumstances required; still it is buoyant with hope, and a new and aggressive spirit has been awakened among them by this new departure in their affairs. This has shown itself by the addition of valuable new members, which have been drawn towards the enterprise, and a good spirit in the congregation prevails. Appropriation, \$800. Pastor, G. H. Johnston. Commissioned, Jan. 1, 1884.

6. *Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg.*—One congregation organized as a

mission in 1864. Served by present-pastor eleven years. Members, 110. S. S. scholars, about 200. Baptisms, 18. Additions, 5. Five died. Losses by removals, considerable. For benevolence, \$120.86, including \$75 to Home Missions. Missionary society established in 1878, consisting largely of children, contributed \$35. Value of church property, \$7,000. No indebtedness. The mission is at present adopting measures to erect a parsonage in the rear of the church building. When this is once accomplished, the mission will be nearly or quite self-supporting. It is a wise and judicious movement. It is to cost \$2,000. The half of this is to be secured before the building is commenced. The pastor continued to serve the Zwingli Mission several months towards the close of previous year. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, G. W. Snyder. Commissioned, April, 1878.

7. *Steeleton Mission*.—This interest has been watched over by the Classis and the Board during the past year. It has been supplied with preaching every two weeks by the Superintendent, who has been assisted by students of the Theological Seminary and others. In the early part of the year a new congregation was organized with some twenty members. The Rev. G. W. Snyder, held catechetical class from February to Whitsuntide, when he confirmed a class of ten. There are now about 40 members on the roll. An effort to put up a new church before winter, has been started, which has met with an encouraging degree of success. The lot of ground on which it is to be built is the gift of Elder Rudolph F. Kelker of Harrisburgh. The Board is making efforts to secure a suitable person to take charge of this mission as soon as possible. This is now becoming more and more a necessity. The prospects are encouraging. ——— vacant.

8. *Zwingli Mission, Harrisburg*.—One congregation, German. Members, 51 (communicants). S. S. scholars, 25. Baptisms since June 1st, one, and additions six. Benevolence, \$12. Current expenses and interest on debt all paid. Value of property, \$8,000. Indebtedness about \$1,200. The mission was supplied with preaching every two weeks by Dr. Kuelling of Philadelphia, from February until the 1st of July, when he became the regular pastor. This mission has had serious difficulties to encounter in the past, but Providence has watched over it and protected it. Its members have been faithful, and they now feel encouraged by the presence of a pastor among them. Their prospects are encouraging. Appropriation of the Board \$100, assisted by the Ursinus Union. Pastor, John Kuelling, D. D. Commissioned, July 1, 1884.

9. *Lock Haven*.—Two congregations. Members, 165. S. S. Scholars, 225. Baptisms, 17. Additions, 8. For benevolence, \$39. For congregational purposes, \$1221. Value of Church property, \$8,000. Debt, \$300. Liquidation of Debt, \$200. Some improvements were made about the property. The Mission is doing well and preparing itself to become self-supporting. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$275. Pastor—G. W. Gerhard. Commissioned, August 1, 1883.

10. *St. John's Church, Williamsport*.—One congregation. Members, 79. S. S.

Scholars, 75. Baptisms, 9. Additions, 9. Losses, 2. For Local objects, \$987. A Mite Society maintained with good results. The former Pastor, Rev. J. S. Wagner, who devoted himself with much zeal and with encouraging results to the building up of this mission, felt compelled on account of ill health, and in accordance with the advice of his physicians, to withdraw from the field in February last. For several months, as a consequence, the mission was without a Pastor, but it was fortunate in securing a new one a short time ago. The new Church is under roof, and will, it is supposed, be ready for occupancy by the end of the present year. Its cost will be fully \$10,000. There will be a considerable debt incurred, it is feared, but it is hoped that with the blessing of God on the pastor and people this will not be too heavy for them to bear. The energy of this congregation and of the pastor heretofore displayed, is a guarantee that they will be able to shoulder the burden they have assumed. Appropriation from the Board last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, D. H. Leader.

11—*Bangor Mission*.—No report for this year.

12—*East End and Wilkinsburg*.—Two congregations, Zion's and Trinity. Members, 109. Some names erased. S. S. Scholars, 140. Baptisms since 1st of June, 4. Additions, 22. For local objects, \$800. Value of Church property, \$8500. Indebtedness, \$1050; \$550 on Zion's, and \$500 on Trinity. Reduction of indebtedness at Trinity, \$250. Two Ladies' Aid Societies. A vigorous effort will be made during the coming year to remove the debt on both churches. The attendance on Sabbath services encouraging. Prayer meetings are also well attended. By the withdrawal of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, last fall, the mission was vacant until the present pastor took charge a few months ago. The indications are that the mission will continue to prosper. Appropriation, last year, \$450. This year, \$700. Pastor—M. F. Frank, commissioned, June 1, 1884.

13—*Duncannon*.—Three congregations. Members, 128. S. S. Scholars, 150. Baptisms, 9. Additions, 10. Losses, 5. Benevolence, \$71. Congregational purposes, \$960. Value of property, \$6,500.

At Duncannon a new roof was put on the church, the walls papered on the inside, and painted on the outside, the pulpit improved, and the fence repaired and painted. At Maryville, the church was painted. A new board walk laid in front of the church, and a new organ secured. The church at Delville, which is union, was supplied with a new roof. With these outward indications of progress, there was, it is believed, a corresponding work of grace going forward in the hearts of the people, and the mission is doing well. Appropriation, last year, \$175. This year, \$150. Pastor—J. R. Lewis.

14—*Sulphur Spring Mission, Bedford Co.*—Under the Board since 1876. Three congregations. Members, 209. S. S. Scholars, 100. Baptisms, 27. Additions, 22. Losses, 9. For benevolence, \$85. For local objects, \$357. Value of property, about \$3,000. No indebtedness. Church festivals all observed. Church papers circulated.

The mission is a small one, and the prospects of enlargement only tolerably encouraging. Many of the young people move out of the field for the purpose of getting employment. The mission is not yet prepared to undertake to provide for itself; but it is believed that if the members more generally were as liberal in the support of the pastor as missionary charges are elsewhere, there would be no further need of an appropriation. The pastor has been faithful in his endeavors to awaken among his people a more liberal spirit, but thus far without success. Appropriation, last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor—E. H. Dieffenbacher, Commissioned, April 1, 1884.

15.—*Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co.*—Three congregations. Report for eight months. Members, 104. S. S. Scholars, 88. Baptisms, 10. Additions, 6. Loss, 1. For benevolence, \$29. Local objects, \$. Value of property, \$3,500. Debt, \$50. A few subscribers to our church papers.

The Rev. C. H. Reiter, served this mission faithfully for two years, and under his ministry it made an advance in the erection of a fine new church at Shirley. He withdrew from the field on the 1st of May, with the good wishes of the Board, and the hope that he will build up elsewhere.

After Pastor Reiter retired, the mission was supplied acceptably for three months, by J. F. Maekley, M.D., of the Seminary at Lancaster. This charge is adopting measures to secure a new pastor. Appropriation, last year, \$150. This year, \$150.

16. *Shenandoah*.—One congregation. Members, 290. S. S. Scholars, 210. Baptisms, 32. Additions, 40. Losses by death 20. For benevolence, \$13. For local objects, \$10.18. Cost of church property, \$5,000. Recent value, \$6,000. For liquidation of debt, \$303. Subscribers to church papers, 10. There is a Ladies' Aid Society in the congregation, but no Missionary Society as yet. Meetings for prayer moderately well attended. The prospects are, that in time a large congregation may be built up. The mission expects to be self-supporting by the end of the year. Appropriation, last year, \$300. No appropriation. Pastor, G. W. Stibitz. Commissioned, Aug. 1, 1883.

17. *St. John's, Johnstown*.—One congregation, 110 members, 118 S. S. scholars, 22 Baptisms, 19 Additions. For Benevolence, \$42.13. Local objects, \$534.73. Value of property, \$3,000. No indebtedness. Something in the treasury for a parsonage. Sunday Services and prayer meetings well attended. Stagnation in business for some time past has had its effect on the mission, causing some people to leave the town preventing others from moving in. A good spirit pervades the congregation. As times improve, and the mission succeeds in securing for itself a parsonage, its prospects for becoming self-supporting will be assured. Good order, peace, harmony prevail among the members. Pastor Bates commenced his work at Johnstown in June 1879, as a supply without any appropriation, until Jan. 1881. The new church was dedicated in Nov. 1880, and the congregation organized Jan. 23, 1881. Appropriation last year, \$400. This year, \$350.—Pastor, W. H. Bates.—Commissioned Jan. 1, 1881.

18. *St. Luke's, Lancaster*.—Churches, 1. Organized Jan. 1879, with eight

members. Members at present, 87. S. S. scholars, 240. Baptisms, 28. Additions, 31. Dismissed three, one to the ministry, Elder B. F. Bausman. Funerals, 24. Catechetical Instruction during the whole year with an intermission of three months. Weekly Services, including missionary meetings. Contributions to benevolent objects, \$16.25. Local objects, \$482.20. Cost of property, exclusive of lot, \$2,800. Present value, \$8,800. Church publications, 308. The mission is at present negotiating for lot, on the side and rear of the chapel, valued at \$1,500, which can be secured by the kindness of the owner for \$1,400. This is necessary in order that there may be an extension of the Chapel in the rear, and that there may be room for a larger church building in the future. To neglect to do this now would jeopardize the success of the mission, rendering it necessary in a few years to find another location, which would involve no little loss. Appropriation last year, \$800. This year, \$800.—Pastor W. F. Lichliter. Commissioned May 30, 1880.

19. *Overton Mission, in Bradford and Sullivan Counties.*—Three congregations, 160 members, 60 S. S. scholars. Baptized, 19. Additions, 9. Benevolence, \$27. Congregational purposes, \$1,000. Value of property about \$2,000. Indebtedness on the Elkland church, \$150, which amount the East Susquehanna Classis loaned to the congregation for five years without interest. The congregation at Dushore in Sullivan county has increased considerably in numbers under the present pastorate, with a catechetical class at present numbering eighteen and the prospect of an increase. But it has not succeeded as yet in putting up a new church, something which is much needed, and ought to be attended to without delay. The permanent success of the good work begun here requires it. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$125.—Pastor C. H. Mutachler. Commenced his labors here Jan. 1, 1882.

20. *Latrobe, Westmoreland Co.*—Congregations two. Members, 147. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms, 25. Nett gain, 7. For benevolence, \$25. Local objects, \$1,100. Value of property, \$8,000. Indebtedness provided for, under the board six years. The mission is doing well, and is gradually surmounting the difficulties in its way. Its progress is slow but healthsome. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200.—Pastor S. H. Eisenberg.

21. *Marietta.* One congregation. Members, 133. S. S. scholars, 140. Baptisms, 13. Additions, 31. Losses, 6. Members of the Missionary Society, 32. Benevolent objects, \$13. Local objects, \$394. The mission has an interest in a union church, and has had the exclusive use of it for a number of years past. The church festivals were observed, also a Zwingli Memorial Service. The members generally are in limited circumstances, but are liberal givers. The pastor was kindly remembered by his people and received several suitable gifts during the year. Six subscribers to the larger church papers. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$100.—Pastor D. B. Schroeder. Commissioned May 1, 1883.

22. *Tionesta.* Vacant during the past year. No report.

23. *New Castle*. Members, 47. S. S. scholars, 45. Additions for the last six months, 10 and baptisms, 5. Value of property, \$4,000. Indebtedness, \$880, with interest practically paid up to date. This mission was without a pastor for about one year and as a consequence suffered somewhat for the want of spiritual supervision and guidance. The members, however, have rallied around their new standard bearer, and show a disposition to labor together in the Gospel for the benefit of the church and for the cause of Christ. Appropriation last year, \$450. This year, \$400.—Pastor D. B. Lady.

24. *Dubois, Clearfield Co.*—The mission consists of two small congregations. Members, 57. S. S. scholars, 65. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 10. No losses. Benevolence, \$43. Local objects \$1,450; \$1,200 to the erection of the two new churches, in addition to what was reported last year. Both were dedicated during the past year. Indebtedness on the church in Dubois \$500. Nothing on the other church. Present value of church property is \$6,500. The mission is a new one, comparatively speaking, having been under the Board only about two years and a half. The pastor having received a call to the mission at Williamsport accepted of it, in accordance with the advice of the classis and with the approbation of the Board. Having placed the interests of the mission on a good footing, he thought that he could withdraw without injury to its interest—July 1, 1884. It has been doing well, but it will need a pastor soon. Appropriation last year, \$850. This year vacant.—Pastor D. H. Leader. Commissioned in 1882.

25. *Houtsdale, Clearfield Co.*—One organized congregation, 42 members, 30 S. S. scholars, 22 Baptisms, 7 Additions, losses 6. For benevolence \$16.00. For local objects \$126. Present value of church property \$1200. Indebtedness \$800, with some accrued interest.

The depression in business and the want of labor continue in this section. The members of the mission, consisting largely of foreign Germans, are few but industrious. Many of them suffered from the fire during last spring, and they can do but little for the church or the pastor during the stagnation. The pastor is also inadequately supported, yet feels compelled at times, to share his scanty living with the suffering poor around him. It is a case in which relief from some outside source should be extended before the winter sets in. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year \$300. Pastor, C. W. Siegel. Commissioned May 1, 1882.

26. *Meyersdale*.—Organized in 1881. No Report. Two Congregations. Members last year, 840; S. S. scholars, 160; value of property, \$3000. Measures have been adopted to build a new church at Meyersdale. Appropriation last year, \$120. Hereafter self supporting. Pastor, J. M. Schick.

27. *McKeesport, Turtle Creek*.—Two congregations, 95 members; S. S. scholars, —; baptisms, —; additions, 42; losses, 18; value of property, \$4500. The chapel at Turtle Creek was dedicated in October last, and entirely paid for.

A new organ was purchased for the congregation during the year, and the last dollar paid on it a few weeks ago. The ground for the new church at McKeesport cost \$2215, on which \$785 have been paid. A portion of it can be sold to advantage, and in this way the debt on it will be reduced to about \$800. A new church is in process of erection, 81 by 49 feet, which is to cost \$1500. A portion of this has been raised by the missionary's efforts in the Pittsburgh synod, and a small portion in the East; but more money is needed, and his appeals to our pastors and congregations are still urgent. He wishes to dedicate the new house of worship free of debt, as every mission chapel should be. It is hoped that he will receive more responses to the cards which he has sent out for assistance. He is absent from his field about one-fourth of his time, and on this account the spiritual building does not progress as rapidly as it otherwise would. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$450. Pastor, H. D. Darbaker, commissioned Jan., 1883.

28. *Wills Creek*.—This mission was organized Oct. 1, 1881, and served by S. T. Wagner until last spring, when he accepted a call to another charge. Under his ministry it made encouraging progress. During the Summer months it was supplied acceptably by Mr. W. E. Ludwig, a student of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio. It consists of four congregations, with 217 members and 125 S. S. scholars. No further statistics given. Appropriation last year, \$115. This year vacant.

29. *Trinity Mission, Scottsdale*.—One congregation. 41 members. 60 S. S. scholars. Baptisms and additions during the year not reported. For benevolence, \$24. Local objects, \$940.20. Value of property, \$4500. Indebtedness, \$90. Liquidation of indebtedness, \$666.

This mission had no regular pastor until last spring, but it was supplied from time to time with preaching by the Rev. Lucian Cort of Greensburg, and thus kept from being demoralized. It has taken a new start under a new pastor, and its prospects are growing more and more favorable. Appropriation this year \$200. Pastor, H. S. Garner, commissioned May 1, 1884.

30. *Clear Ridge Mission, Bedford Co.*—This mission is a new charge, which received assistance from the Juniata classis last year, but was taken formally under the care of the Board a few months ago. It consists of three congregations and two preaching points. 83 members. Three Sunday schools, all union. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 12. Losses, 2. Benevolence, \$45.15. Local objects, \$810. Value of church property, including parsonage, \$1700. Indebtedness, \$263. Collections at harvest home festivals, \$17.47. This field is a difficult one to cultivate. The people are scattered about in the mountains and valleys. They, however, appreciate the means of grace and are thankful for them. The pastor is encouraged and believes that in this field he has a work to accomplish for Christ and his cause. Appropriation, \$150. Pastor, D. G. Klein, commissioned 1884.

31. *Mercer County Mission*.—The hope expressed in our last annual report that the health of the pastor of this mission, Rev J. J. Pennypacker, might be

spared to the church was to some extent realized. His strength was gradually returning to him for several months, so that he began to discharge some of his pastoral duties; and was looking to the time when in a few months he should be able again to preach to his people. But in the month of February last, while he was performing a pastoral visit, a second stroke of paralysis overtook him, the effects of which, although he partially rallied, he never recovered. On the 28d of April last he fell gently asleep in Christ, with a clear consciousness of his approaching end, and words of prayer on his lips, in the 49th year of his age. He labored not in vain in the Lord. Since his death his charge has been provided for by the classis.

32. *Somerset*.—Several congregations were separated from the old Somerset charge a few years ago, and the portion remaining, consisting of two congregations, being unable to support a pastor was assisted by the Classis. Recently it was placed under the Board as a mission. Three congregations. Members, 170. S. S. scholars, 75. A new congregation at Ursina was recently organized, consisting of 19 members. The charge owns a parsonage now free of debt. The mortgage on it of \$1040 having been recently paid off. No further statistics given. Appropriation, \$145. Pastor, H. King, commissioned April 1, 1884.

MARYLAND.

33. *Cumberland*.—One congregation. Members, 175. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 23. Additions, 40. Losses by death, 6. Two benevolent societies. Contributions for benevolence, \$20. For local objects, \$1,800. Value of property, \$6,500. Present indebtedness, \$1,250. Liquidation during past year \$1,000. The mission owns a cemetery from which it derives some income. Some of the church papers, German and English, are taken. The progress of the mission from year to year is slow but sure. Appropriations last year, \$100. Self-supporting. Commissioned, October 1, 1884. Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

34. *Woodbury and East Baltimore*.—The services of the Rev. E. R. Deatrick were secured for this mission by a committee of the Maryland Classis, last Spring. He took charge of it on the 10th of May last. He was subsequently commissioned as missionary under the Board. Thus far he has confined his labors to Woodbury, a suburb of Baltimore, where he has been preaching regularly every Sunday. His audiences have been increasing in number. He has found about 25 persons in the community who are members of the Reformed Church and willing to support the new organization. A Sunday School was organized on Whitsuntide, which now numbers over 30 scholars. A committee of the Maryland Classis appeared on the ground and purchased a suitable lot of ground for a new church, for \$2,100, on the credit of Classis. The Classis has also obligated itself to pay \$1000, as soon as it is needed for the erection of a chapel, and it is understood that the churches in Baltimore will contribute a like amount, or more, if it should become necessary. The missionary expects to start a Sunday School in East Baltimore as soon as the way is open, and then to commence missionary operations in that section of the city. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, E. R. Deatrick. Commissioned, May 1, 1884.

35. *Ridgely, Caroline County*.—Three congregations. Members, 96. Sunday-school scholars, 96. Baptisms, 18. Additions, 84. Benevolence, \$10. Local objects, \$340. Value of property, \$2,500. No indebtedness. Liquidation of debt, \$125. The ladies of the congregation have formed themselves into a "Ladies' Home Mission Aid Society."—The mission is doing well. It is yearly increasing by emigration from the North, which is of such a character that the prospects now are that in the course of time the churches will become large and prosperous. A pleasant Christmas festival was held, at which the pastor was kindly remembered. The pastor has the satisfaction of seeing that his first year in the ministry and in his present field have borne good fruits. Appropriation last year, \$300. Pastor, C. W. Levan. Commissioned, September, 1883.

VIRGINIA.

36. *Winchester*.—Old report. Three congregations. Members, 112. S.S. scholars, 50. Value of church property, \$5000. During the year the old parsonage was sold for \$1,500, which, after the indebtedness is paid off, will leave nearly or quite enough money to secure another parsonage without any debt resting on it. The new chapel at Stephenson's Station, five miles out from Winchester, was dedicated in June last. The prospects are that an interesting congregation may be built up at this point in the course of time, which will materially strengthen the charge and assist in making it self-supporting. The pastor, Rev. A. R. Kremer, was called to a field of usefulness in the West last Spring, and since then the mission has been vacant. To some extent it has been supplied with preaching by neighboring brethren. Appropriation last year, \$250. Vacant.

37. *Middlebrook*.—Two congregations. Members last year, 88. S. S. scholars, 120. Baptisms, 8; additions, 8. For benevolence, \$40. Congregational purposes, \$600. Value of property, \$4000. Indebtedness, \$700. Reduction, \$100. The mission has secured for itself a new parsonage, which will soon be completed. It has occupied much of the time and attention of the pastor, who has regarded this as vital to the future prosperity and success of the mission. His efforts in this direction have been strenuous and are now being crowned with success. The charge is prospering. Appropriation last year, \$150. Pastor, S. L. Whitmore. Commissioned, June 1, 1884.

38. *Mill Creek*.—No report. Two congregations. Members, 96 last year. S. S. scholars, 100. Value of property, \$4,500. The mission is prospering. Prospects of organizing a new congregation at Mount Jackson favorable. Other indications favorable. The missionary preaches at five points in all. Appropriation last year, \$150. Pastor, G. A. Whitmore. Commissioned, March 15, 1883.

39. *Timberville, Rockingham Co.*—Two congregations. Members, 136. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms, 10. Additions, 5. Benevolence, \$30. Local objects, \$700. Value of property, \$3,100. Indebtedness, \$100.

The new church at Timberville was dedicated last Whitsuntide. It cost \$2,000 and is without any debt. Since then, through the activity of the ladies

in the church and others, a new organ was secured and presented to the congregation. Other improvements are in contemplation. Their Mite Society is in good working order and is doing well. This mission is the result of a division of an old charge, which was too large for one minister. At the time there was some opposition to the new arrangement and there may be some want of zeal for it still, but the results show that it was wise and proper. If all will unite and do their part it will not be long before the charge will become self-supporting. It promises well for the future. Prospects of enlargement. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$100. Pastor, C. W. Summey. Commissioned June, 1883.

40. *Harrisville Mission*.—This is a new charge formed by the division of the Woodstock charge over one year ago and then placed under the care of the Board. For the first year it was supplied from time to time by its former pastor, Dr. Martin, but during last Spring the mission secured the services of the present pastor. He entered upon his duties as missionary on the first of June last. Congregations, 2. Members, 150. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms by present pastor, 5. Additions, 1. No report of contributions to benevolence or local objects. \$70 to pastor's salary. Value of property \$2.100. No indebtedness. One of the congregations, St. Stephen's, has as yet no church building. Some church papers circulated. Within this field there is missionary ground that can be cultivated and made useful in strengthening the charge. Prospects encouraging to the pastor. It is thought that the mission will need help only for one year. Assisted partly by the Classis and partly by the Board. Appropriation, \$50. Pastor, E. Welty, M.D.

41. *St. John's Mint Spring Mission*.—Congregations, 1. No organization effected at the Mint Spring Church. Members, 127. S. S. scholars, 40. Baptisms, 10. Additions, 8. Losses, 6. For benevolence, \$14.67. For local objects, \$295.82. Value of property, \$3,500. Indebtedness on Mint Spring Church, \$200. Pastor endeavored to increase the membership, but he says without success. Prospects thus far not encouraging. Unreasonable difficulties met him in his way at Mint Spring. Thinking that another pastor, perhaps a young man, might suit the charge better, he withdrew, and took charge of another mission within the bounds of the Classis. Commissioned March, 1882, and left April, 1884. Appropriation last year, \$150. Vacant.

42. *Roanoke*.—The Rev. C. J. Musser took charge of this mission in February last, and continued to labor in the field with much diligence, having visited every family in the town to find out members of the Church. He thus found that the number was small; his attendance at divine worship was also small. In the month of April it was ascertained that his health was failing him, when the Board requested him to withdraw from the field and recuperate his physical strength. After his return home his physician required him to resign his commission altogether, as something necessary to his convalescence. The mission is therefore vacant, and it has been referred to the Classis of Virginia, which is to look after it; and, if Providence indicates that anything further should be done in this direction, to go forward. Appropriation \$300. Vacant.

DELAWARE.

43. *St. John's, Wyoming, Kent Co.*—One congregation. Members, 102. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 9. Losses, 6. For benevolence, \$26. For congregational purposes, \$12.58. Value of property, \$5,000. Indebtedness on the new parsonage, about \$1,800. Services well attended. A Ladies' Mite Society diffuses a good spirit over the congregation. If the mission succeeds in paying off all indebtedness recently incurred, as it is trying to do, it is believed that it will be in a condition to provide for itself in the course of another year. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, S. F. Laury. Commissioned, Dec. 1, 1883.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

44. *Grace Church, Washington.*—One congregation. Members, 70. S. S. scholars, 40. Baptisms, 17. Additions, 17. Benevolence, \$35. Local objects, \$212. Value of property, \$15,000. Original cost about \$8,000. Some indebtedness remains yet to be paid, which was assumed by the Classis of Maryland. Some of the other Classes, or single congregations, have not yet paid their share of what was apportioned to them. It ought to be done without further delay, so as to relieve individuals who have given their credit for the money when needed. The missionary Society, now two years old, has been active, and has proved a blessing to the congregation. The Church services and the meetings for prayer during the week have been fairly attended. The mission is making a gradual progress in numbers, composed largely of members of our Church moving into the city from other places. More come than go, thus far. The mission now presents a modest but attractive place of worship for members of our Church visiting the national capital or intending to make it their future residence; and it seems scarcely necessary to urge them to give it their generous countenance and support. Appropriation last year, \$575. This year, \$575. Pastor, C. F. Sontag. Commissioned June, 1880.

NORTH CAROLINA.

45. *Concord.*—This mission was supplied by the Rev. Paul Baringer during the past year until the month of July, when the Board appointed the present pastor to take charge of it. He has been preaching twice every Sunday in the church of a sister denomination, now without a pastor. A lot of ground has been secured for a new church, and most of the material for the building is on it or at the mills ready to be utilized. But funds are needed, and as soon as the Potomac Synod and the Classis advance the amounts promised, the building will go up. It is hoped that there will be no further delay in this direction. There are about twenty members in the congregation, but they are active and energetic, and are anxious to have the church finished before winter sets in. No further statistics. Appropriation for the supply last year, \$50. This year, \$200. Pastor, J. W. Cecil. Commissioned July 1, 1884.

46. *Lincolnton.*—This mission has continued to be served by the Rev. Mr.

Foil in connection with his other duties as pastor and professor, and his services have been gratefully appreciated by the few members that still adhere to the Church. We understand that measures have been adopted by the Classis by which it shall become a part of a new charge that is to be formed. In this way its interests will be better provided for. Appropriation last year, \$50. Pastor, John A. Foil.

47. *Newton*.—The congregation at Newton having been detached from the charge of which it was a part, it was constituted a mission, and recently placed under the Board. The Rev. Dr. Clapp, formerly pastor, having resigned a part of his duties in connection with Catawba College, will take charge of the new mission, and have time hereafter to attend to its interests. Appropriation, \$200. Pastor, J. C. Clapp. Commissioned, ———

NEW YORK.

48. *German Evangelical St. Paul's Reformed Church*.—One congregation Members, about 200. S. S. scholars, 200. Baptisms, 185. Additions, 40. Losses, 10. For benevolence, \$150. Local objects, \$700. Value of church, \$5,000. No indebtedness, but ground rent to pay. A Missionary Society. Papers of the Church taken, 117. Both languages used in the Sunday-school and catechetical class. A parochial school. Some English preaching needed. This mission is under the care of the German Board, but has been assisted all along by this Board. It is growing—making encouraging progress. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, F. Fox. Date of commission, April 14, 1880.

KANSAS.

49. *Emporia*.—Two congregations, one at Emporia and the other at Abilene. Members at both places, 65. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 27. Loss 1. Benevolence, \$21.68. Local objects, \$132.60. Value of property, \$6500, plus value of church at Abilene. Indebtedness, \$100.

Mr. Shuey continued to work up the mission at Iola for about six months of the past year, when it was prepared for a pastor, and the Board accordingly supplied it with one, in the month of May. He also served the church at Abilene and surrounding points, and it is now in a condition to become the centre of a new pastoral charge, and should be supplied with a missionary pastor at once. He likewise visited Kansas City from time to time, but not since June last, and our interests there have to be neglected for the present, as our Missionary Superintendent has too many other engagements to attend to. A suitable person should be sent to Kansas City without delay, or it may soon be too late. On account of the pastor's absence, our mission at Emporia has, no doubt, suffered for the want of more preaching and pastoral attention, but the brethren there should make up for what is lacking in present circumstances by so much greater zeal and activity in holding up their cause and the hands of their pastor. The prosperity of Reformed churches around them in the state will in the end be

their prosperity. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$500. Pastor, D. B. Shuey, commissioned Nov. 1, 1882.

50. *Iola*.—The congregation of eleven members organized at this place over one year ago was served by our Missionary Superintendent, Mr. Shuey, until he was relieved by a new missionary sent out in the spring. Mr. S. A. Alt of the seminary at Lancaster arrived at Emporia in the beginning of June, when the Classis in session examined, licensed and ordained him as missionary at Iola, where, since that time he has been preaching every Sabbath. He has also been preaching regularly at Moran a town thirteen miles distant, where he has found enough members to organize a congregation. For the present he holds his services at this place in the church of a sister denomination which the Reformed people helped to build. At Iola, he preached in a public hall rented for the purpose, but the members have purchased a lot of ground and are at present adopting measures to erect on it a new church. When Mr. Alt took charge of this mission, he found 16 members of the church at Iola, and 15 at Moran, but he reports that in his visits he finds others who had not reported themselves. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor S. A. Alt. Commissioned June 1, 1884.

51. *Wichita*.—One congregation, at Marshall, eighteen miles from Wichita, of thirty members. The children attend at present a Union Sunday-school, but will be formed into a school of their own as soon as the new church is finished. One baptism. Additions, twelve. The members are scattered over a considerable extent of territory, and no prayer meetings or benevolent societies have as yet been organized. Contributions for benevolent objects, \$14.85. Contributions to "local objects," pastor's salary, and so on have been applied to the erection of the new church. In Wichita, containing a population of more than 13,000 inhabitants, the missionary has been preaching every other Sunday. In this place there is plenty of material to form a congregation, but it seems to be difficult to get it into organization. But the missionary is gaining ground and is hopeful as it regards the future. Appropriation last year, \$500; this year, \$450. Pastor, I. G. Brown. Commissioned, April, 1883.

NEBRASKA.

52. *Lincoln*.—2 congregations, one at Fairview, in Saunders Co., 23 miles from Lincoln and another at Ithaca. 86 members. 45 S. S. scholars. Baptisms, 2. Additions, 1. Contributed for benevolence, \$25. For congregational purposes, \$287. No Church property. The missionary preaches occasionally at Lincoln, and seeks to keep our members together until a missionary can be sent to take charge of our interest in that city; also at Ceresco, where the people are destitute of preaching. He has at this point large audiences, and good prospects of establishing a congregation before long. Besides preaching at three different points in Saunders Co., he has visited various other places, wherever he hears of Reformed families; but often they are too few as yet in numbers to form an organization. His field is very large, and he ought to have at least two colleagues one to be located at Lincoln, and another to assist in visiting different places, preaching wherever he goes, and encouraging our people to wait until the way

is open for them to be formed into congregations and provide for them ministers. Now seems to be the time for this kind of preparatory work, and unless it is improved, we will continue to lose good members of our Church by the scores and the hundreds. Appropriation last year, \$300; this year, \$275. Pastor, Edmond Erb. Commissioned April 1, 1881.

CALIFORNIA.

53. *First Reformed Church, San Francisco.*—This congregation having been without a pastor for over a year has, in consequence, suffered severe losses. The pastor elect found it necessary to remain in the East during the whole of last winter in order to secure funds for California missions, and more particularly for the removal of the debt on the Church at San Francisco. Accordingly he did not arrive on the ground to take charge of the congregation until the first of June of this year. Since then he has been laboring acceptably and with some measure of success in building up the broken down walls. During the period the congregation was without a pastor. Out of a nominal membership on the Church books of one hundred and nineteen, seventy-nine thus far fell away and thus far only forty have reported themselves. The Sunday-school numbers forty scholars. There have been thus far two baptisms, but no additions. \$460 have been contributed for local objects. The "Ladies' Aid Society" has been revived, and the members contribute each fifty cents a month for congregational purposes. The original cost of the Church property was \$6,222.60. Its present value is \$7,500, and its present indebtedness, \$4,585.24. From this it will appear that this important mission has been unfortunate, and that it is still encompassed with difficulties. But the few members remaining are faithful and true to the Reformed Church, and the prospects are now that, if the congregation is in the enjoyment of faithful pastoral attention, it will again grow and prosper. The greatest outward difficulty in the way of its progress is its heavy indebtedness. This the members are willing to help in removing, but in order to remove it entirely, they will need the assistance of the Churches in the East. It is a case in which help is needed, and where it would be well bestowed. In addition to his duties as pastor, Mr. Schoedler has also attended to his duties as Superintendent of Missions in California. He has visited the missions at Napa and Stockton and encouraged them very much by his presence and counsel. In accordance with the instructions of the Board, he adopted measures to revive the Classis of San Francisco. An annual meeting was held which transacted all its business harmoniously and very much to the satisfaction of its members. It is believed now that it will hereafter be able to discharge its functions with benefit to the Churches. Appropriation, \$675. Pastor, D. E. Schoedler. Commissioned, March, 1884.

54. *Stockton.*—One congregation at Stockton and a preaching place at Live Oak, near Lodi. Members, 70. S. S. scholars, 57. Unconfirmed members, 95. Baptisms, 26. Confirmed, 11. Losses, 6. Value of property, \$6,000. Contributed for benevolence, \$20. For congregational purposes, \$350. The congregation has gained possession of their church building, and has been using

it during the past year, but the opposition, in violation of all law and justice, have been successful in holding possession of the parsonage up to the present time. Legal measures have been employed to eject the intruders, but the trial has been postponed. It is believed that it will not be long before the true owners of the property will get possession of it. When the intruder is once ousted, the rent will go to the support of the mission. The pastor has been faithful in looking after all the interests of the mission, and notwithstanding the many difficulties it has had to encounter, it is growing in inward and outward strength. The pastor thinks that now, after much hard fighting and self-denial, it would be wise for him to withdraw from the field, and the Board is trying to obtain for him a suitable successor, and to secure for him another field of usefulness. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300. Pastor, E. De Geller. Commissioned, ———

55. *Salem's Church, Napa.*—The most noticeable event in the progress of this mission during the past year was the removal of its indebtedness, to which it was incited by the gift of \$100 collected by Mr. Schoedler in the East for California missions. The services in the church and at Sunday-school have been regularly maintained, which have been encouraged by religious people among the Germans; but many among them are still indifferent to church services, if not at heart hostile to them. On this account the pastor is inadequately supported. He still holds services at Vallejo once a month. He has baptized 12 children and confirmed a class of five. The church is worth \$3,000. No other statistics given. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$125. Pastor, Geo. Maechtersheimer.

OREGON.

Dr. Gantenbein, missionary superintendent in Oregon, reports that he has given considerable attention to Astoria, Oakpoint and Gray's River during the past year. The latter point is 13 miles distant from Astoria, where he found 13 German families. He has preached for them twice, for which they seem very thankful. For the small congregation at Astoria he has been preaching nearly every month, and he now recommends that Astoria, Gray's River and other points shall be constituted into a mission, and that a missionary be appointed to take charge of it, who shall reside at Astoria, where there is at present a population of 5,000 inhabitants.

56. *Portland.*—The Sunday School which had been kept up for several years past in East Portland has been suspended for the present for the want of proper encouragement. In its place a new School has been started in Albina, another part of the city, in an engine house, where divine services are held on three Sundays of each month. The Germans are more numerous in this part of the city. The services thus far are moderately encouraged. As assistant of Dr. Gantenbein, Prof. Schiedt preaches from time to time at various points in mission fields around Portland. He is the principal teacher in the International Academy at Portland, an important institution for our church and missionary

work in Oregon. Appropriation last year, \$200.—Pastor R. Schiedt. Commissioned April 1, 1888.

57. *Salem*.—Congregations three, Salem, Washongal, and Mehamah. Members, 60. S. S. scholars, 35. Baptisms, 15. One addition. Erasures, 7. For congregational purposes, \$600. Value of property, \$4,000. Debt, \$750. Last year's indebtedness was diminished \$250 by church extension fund in the East. A ladies' society meets once a month, is doing a good work for the congregation. The pastor has taught part of his time in order to support himself and family. The prospects of the congregation are more encouraging than formerly. At Salem the brethren work together in peace and harmony with their pastor, with a more hopeful spirit in regard to the future. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year \$200.—Pastor J. Muellhaupt.

58. *West Union, Washington Co.*—The pastor of this charge expresses his gratitude to God, that he was permitted to preach the word of life not only in his own field in Washington Co. but also in St. Peter's and St. John's congregations in Clackamas Co., which were vacant, waiting for their pastor from Germany. He also served the Ebenezer congregation, after Pastor Graedel left, and preached at Washongal U. T. and at Oak Point, W. T. as occasion required, where the Lord opened the hearts of some to receive the Gospel. —The parsonage, 24 by 18 feet, with 10 acres of ground connected with it, has been finished at a cost of \$400, and makes the missionary and his family a pleasant home, for which he feels thankful. He is also thankful for the box sent him by Salem's church at Harriaburgh, which ministered very much to his own wants and those of his family.

One congregation, Emanuel's. Members, 80. Last year 27. Baptisms in all, 11. Additions, 4. Other statistics not given. The people as yet poor, and do what they can to support the Gospel. The pastor labors hard and his support is meagre. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200.—Pastor A. Staurs.

59. *Stafford, Clackamas Co.* This mission was supplied by Pastor Graedel some time in January, when at the urgent request of his brethren in Oregon he withdrew and went to Seattle. It was then vacant, but supplied by other pastors until some time in the Spring, when pastor Lange returned from Germany with restored health and again took charge of it. It consists of three congregations, 48 members. Other statistics not given. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150.—Pastor Julius Lange.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

60. *Seattle*.—Reports for seven months. One congregation. Members 28. Communed 4. S. S. Scholars, 34. Baptisms, 7. Contributed for congregational purposes, \$457.40. Value of property, \$2500. Indebtedness, \$600. For \$400 of this, due for the lot on which the church stands, 12 per cent. interest must be paid. Reduction of indebtedness, \$100, forwarded by the Board from the Church Building Fund.

Seattle is a new town, and promises to be an important centre in a comparatively short period of time. But it is made up of all kinds of people. It con-

tains 13 Christian Churches, but it is seldom that any of them are filled. When an infidel preacher comes along he draws a crowd. Our own is the only German Church, and its attendance is the smallest, although the German population is considerable. Pastor Ewald, discouraged by failing health, after faithfully struggling against the current of worldliness, left the mission at the beginning of the year. Pastor Graedel, at the urgent solicitation of Dr. Gantenbein, took charge of it on the 1st of February, and against wind and tide has maintained his ground. His attendance is small, made up of a few females. Only a small portion of the members have as yet come to the Lord's Table. Want of confidence in the church is assigned as the cause; it is only an excuse to cover up their shame. But God mercifully visits these people from time to time with afflictions, and then they inquire for a minister, and afterward attend church better, especially the women. Pastor G. Graedel is cultivating a hard field, which is very unpromising at present, but it will bear fruit bye and bye, and his faithful work will not be in vain in the Lord. He needs the prayers and sympathies of the Church. He will also need for the coming winter more than what he receives from the Mission or the Board. He is a married man and his wife stands by him bravely in his work. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, G. Graedel, Commissioned Feb. 1, 1884.

IOWA.

61. *Liscomb Mission, changed from Beamen*.—Two organized congregations. Members, 37. S. S. Scholars, 110. No additions by baptism or confirmation. Benevolence, \$83, or \$75 for Home Missions, \$10 for Foreign Missions, and \$9.43 for Orphan's Home. For congregational purposes, \$343. On an average each member thus contributes nearly \$12. Two Missionary Societies, of which each member contributes three cents per week. 80 copies of Scholar's Quarterly; 81 copies of other Sunday-school papers and 7 of the Missionary Herald are taken. Besides, a church paper is taken in each family of the Liscomb Mission. The attendance during the year has been good at all the preaching points. The Lord's Supper was administered every three months in each congregation. The prospects for the organization of a new congregation are good. If this is done the charge will be materially strengthened. Appropriation last year, \$290. Pastor, H. Baer, commissioned Oct. 1, 1881.

62. *Pleasant Valley*, no report.

SOUTH AMERICA.

63. *Valparaiso, Chili*.—When the Rev. A. Kreuter withdrew from the Mission at Seattle he concluded to visit the Southern America coast, and ascertain whether there was a field of usefulness for him there among his German fellow-countrymen. At Valparaiso he found a large German and Swiss population, without either church or evangelical pastor. He concluded to cast his lot among them and labor for their spiritual interests. He then very properly applied to the Board, in whose service he had been, to ascertain whether he could receive support from his own church in his work. Other parties in the Presbyterian Church in Valparaiso took him by the hand and proposed to give him assistance, if it were necessary. As the case was a peculiar one, the Superintendent laid the matter before the Church in the Messenger and Missionary Herald. There were some immediate responses, and among the rest a gift of \$200 from Elder John Knecht, which was supposed at the time to be sufficient to support the missionary

for one year. Thus encouraged, Brother Kreuter commenced his work, visiting the people, catechizing the youth, and succeeded at length in organizing a congregation with nineteen members. He has also made himself useful by his visits to the German Hospital, where he has administered comfort and consolation to the sick and dying.

There was in former years a so-called evangelical congregation that had a church and pastor in Valparaiso, but the pastor proved himself to be a hireling, and difficulties springing up the congregation was disbanded and the church building sold to the highest bidder. This has destroyed confidence, and makes the work of Pastor Kreuter so much the more difficult. Many of the Germans now stand aloof, but they may be won over to a better way of thinking. He, however holds services and Sunday school every Sunday in the old German church, and Bible und Gebetstunde in the English church during the week. At first Mr. Kreuter thought of earning part of his support by teaching, or performing secular work, but it is thought best that he should devote all his time to the work of the ministry, and so our Presbyterian brethren think. Accordingly he will need more than his present appropriation for his support, which we believe the generous friends of missions in the church will not withhold. He has accordingly been told to go forward with his work, trusting in the Lord.—It is proper here to add that the Rev. Dr. Trumbull, pastor of the English Presbyterian Church and other Protestant pastors and missionaries in Chili have shown Mr. Kreuter much kindness and by their encouragement and advice have been useful to him in his work.—Chili is a prosperous country; its government is the most energetic and stable of all the other South American republics. It has established free toleration, and all Christian denominations enjoy equal protection under the law. It will, therefore naturally attract colonists from abroad, especially from Switzerland and Germany. There are, therefore, wide and open doors for the establishment of Protestant missions in the sister republic in the South, of which several denominations in the United States are taking advantage—and with very flattering results. It is a work in which the Reformed Church, we hope, may see its way clear to take some humble part.

Several more German missionaries are needed. There is a great opening for one at Santiago, the capital, and others at places further south. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor Kreuter, commissioned April 1st, 1884.

URSINUS UNION.—From the Treasurer of the Ursinus Union, Rev. F.W. Kremer, D. D. we learn that he has received \$978.49 for missions during the past year, which amount in part was used for the support of missionaries under the care of this Board, and the balance was paid into the treasuries of other missionary boards of the Church.

SUMMARY.

Number of Missions, ...	62
“ Congregations, ...	109
“ Missionaries, ...	55
“ Members, ...	5,274
Sunday-School Scholars, ...	4,050
Baptisms, ...	505
Additions, ...	565
Amount collected for benevolence, ...	\$ 1,130

Amount collected for Local objects, ...	21,880
Estimated value of property, ...	174,200
Indebtedness, ...	31,748
Reduction of indebtedness, ...	2,729
Missions becoming self-supporting	3
New Missions	9

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From the Treasurer's report we learn that the income of the Board to September 10th from all sources has been \$19,640, which will be increased before his report for the year is closed. This includes what has been contributed specifically to Missions in Kansas, and California, for the Washington Mission, and for the Church Extension fund. It thus appears that there is an increase in the contributions of the churches for the cause of missions during the past year over those of the preceding year.

For the coming year the Board will need \$20,000 in order to meet expenses in carrying forward its work, for which we recommend that the respective Synods adopt the necessary measures to raise the following amounts:

The Synod of the United States, ...	\$11,000
The Synod of the Potomac, and	5,000
The Synod of Pittsburgh, ...	4,000

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we are again permitted to report another year of prosperity in the missionary work of the church. The blessing of God has rested on our missions and missionaries, and the interest of our pastors and their people in this good work has not abated, but rather increased during the past year. For this, as well as for the prosperity of the Church in other respects, we are bound to give thanks to Almighty God, to humble ourselves, and to ask for His blessing in the future. The Board feels that whilst the churches have done well, they are capable of doing still better in the future, and trust that it may be still more liberally sustained during the coming year, so that we may extend our operations, and supply a still larger number of souls with the bread of life. We are arriving at a point when we ought to expect great things of God, and seek to do great things for His cause.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Superintendent.*

LANCASTER, PA., Sept. 9, 1884.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS,

To the Board of Mission of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Contributions for Home Missions, Church Extension Fund and Washington Mission Fund, were made as follows during the year, viz:

HOME MISSIONS.

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia	\$276 63
" Tohickon	610 20
" Goshenhoppen	916 58
" East Pennsylvania.	1188 91

Classis of Lebanon	1300 06	
" Lancaster	704 76	
" East Susquehanna	653 14	
" West Susquehanna	750 01	
" Lehigh	789 11	
Total from the Synod of the United States	—	\$7189 40

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Juniata	\$852 73	
" Carlisle	164 65	
" Zion	274 65	
" Maryland	1404 95	
" Mercersburg	533 04	
" Virginia	314 50	
" San Francisco	10 00	
" North Carolina	96 84	
" Gettysburg	552 00	
" Iowa	319 00	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac	—	\$4522 36

Synod of Pittsburg.

Classis of Somerset	\$64 92	
" Allegheny	5 00	
" Westmoreland	49 38	
From the Treasurer of Synod	2742 08	
Total from the Synod of Pittsburg	—	\$2861 38

Miscellaneous Sources.

From Gruber Legacy (interest in part)	\$60 00	
" Locke " (interest)	100 66	
" Treasurer of Gen'l Synod, Interest on S. Brinker legacy	60 00	
" Synod of the United States collection at Reading	21 39	
" Synod of the Potomac collection at Newton	37 70	
" Bequest of Anna and Susan Bixler	300 00	
" Ursinus Union	50 00	
" Nebraska, per Rev. E. Erb	13 91	
" Kansas Missions	23 78	
" German Evangelical Reformed St. Paul's Church, N. Y.	17 50	
" Several Children and R. E.	1 20	
" Rev. C. H. Reiter, being Amt overpaid him	12 50	
Bal. in the Treasury Sept. 24th, 1883	1707 87	
Total from these sources	—	\$2406 51
Total from all sources		\$16979 65

Disbursements.

Orders of the Board paid during the year by the Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod and the Treasurer of the Board	\$14304 21	
Balance in the Treasury, Sep. 16, 1884	2675 44	
	—	\$16979 65

Church Extension Fund.

DR.

To Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 24, 1883, ...	\$213 59
To Am't collected by Rev. D. B. Shuey for Emporia, Kans., Mission	\$2589 75
" received for same object during the year	68 20
Total received for Emporia, Kans., Mission	\$2657 95
" collected for California Missions, by Rev. D. E. Schoedler	\$693 25
" received per Treasurer for same object	100 55
Total received for California Missions	\$793 80
" received per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treasurer of Lehigh Classis, being its share of Assessment made by Synod to pay the Gelbach Claim	65 00
" received per Chas. Santee, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, being interest and dividends received from investment of the "Sarah Brinker legacy"	412 04
" received from miscellaneous sources for Oregon, Kan- sas, and other Missions	85 79
Total from all sources	\$4258 17

CR.

By Am't paid Rev. D. B. Shuey	\$2805 45
" " " D. E. Schoedler	782 00
" " " J. Muehlhaupt, to liquidate church debt of Salem, Oregon Reformed Church	250 00
" " " G. Gradel, Seattle, Washington Territory, to liquidate church debt	100 00
" " " A. R. Holzhauser, Lyons, Kans.	10 00
Balance in the Treasury Sept. 16, 1884	310 72
	\$4258 17

Washington Mission Fund.

DR.

To Balance in Treasury Sept. 24, 1883	\$66 26
To Amount received during year from different sources	760 98
	\$827 24

CR.

By Am't paid, One year's interest to Mrs. Dr. Miller	\$80 00
" " Note to Mechanics' Bank, Harrisburg	200 10
" " on acc't of Mrs. Miller's Note	204 86
" " on acc't of Mrs. Miller's Note	336 28
By Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 16, 1884	26 00
	\$827 24

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, a Committee appointed to audit the account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the

United States, Certify that we have examined his account and find the same correct, with a balance of Twenty-six Hundred and seventy-five dollars and forty-four cents (\$2675.44) in the Home Mission Fund, Three Hundred and ten dollars and seventy-two cents (\$310.72) in the Church Extension Fund; and Twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) in the Washington Mission Fund.

Harrisburg, September 16, 1884.

W. H. H. SNYDER.

GEO. Z. KUNKEL,

Committee of Auditors.

IV. REPORT OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

IN REGARD TO WASHINGTON MISSION.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren: At the recent annual meeting of the Board of Home Missions, which convened at Reading, Pa., September 10 and 11, I was directed, in an official way to call your attention to the fact, that a balance of about \$500, bearing interest at six per cent. remains unpaid on the Washington Mission Chapel, D. C. It is necessary that this debt be now paid.

In 1877 your Synod assumed \$3000.00 for this purpose and apportioned \$1000 for each of the years 1878, 1879 and 1880, on your several Classes as follows: (see Min. of Synod, p. 42).

East Pennsylvania Classis	\$133 00 x 3 = 399 00	due	\$172 68
Lehigh	"	credit	\$226 32,
Lebanon	" 167 00 x 3 = 501 00	paid in full.	
Lancaster	" 133 00 x 3 = 399 00	credit	\$367 66, due 31 34
Philadelphia	" 100 00 x 3 = 300 00	" 65 00,	" 235 00
Goehenhoppen	" 183 00 x 3 = 549 00	" 100 00,	" 449 00
Tohickon	" 100 00 x 3 = 300 00	" 275 67,	" 24 33
East Susquehanna	" 117 00 x 3 = 351 00	" 8 50,	" 342 50
West Susquehanna	" 67 00 x 3 = 201 00	" 148 50,	" 52 50
	\$1000 00 \$3000 00		due \$1307 35

In 1878, (see Min. p. 40), you directed all moneys to be paid through Treasurer Wm. H. Seibert. His accounts show your several Classes in arrears as above stated. The money was borrowed on the basis of what had been assumed and apportioned. We must maintain our integrity and pay our debts.

Please adopt such measures as will secure to our Treasury within the year, the \$500.00 yet due on the Washington Chapel.

Respectfully Yours,

E. R. ESCHBACH.

By direction of Board of Home Missions.

Frederick, Md., Oct. 4th, 1884.

V. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

The documents placed in your Committee's hands are:

1. A letter from the President of the Board, transmitting the reports of the other officers.
2. The printed Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions.

3. The Seventh Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board, including a report on the Washington Chapel Fund, and also of the Church Extension Fund.

4. A letter from Rev. E. R. Eschbach, accompanied with the action of the Board in relation to the Washington Chapel Fund.

5. A letter from Rev. J. W. Love, Corresponding Secretary of the Pittsburgh Synod, in relation to the discontinuance of the Tri-Synodie Board of Missions.

6. A printed Copy of the Tri-annual Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

1. *Home Missions.*

From the Report of the Superintendent of the Tri-Synodical Board, in which he presents a detailed account of the various Missions under its care, your Committee learn that the Board has now in charge 62 Missions, six more than were reported last year; that two have become self-supporting, and that on the whole our Missions are in prosperous condition, and are advancing towards that point in their history where they will not only be able to sustain themselves, but also to increase their help in carrying the Gospel to others.

The health of our Missionaries and their families has been good, and their labors have been owned and blessed by the Great Head of the Church whilst the Board has been enabled to provide them an average support.

From the Treasurer's report your Committee learn that he has received during the past year from the Synod of the United States \$7189.40; being \$83.18 less than was received from this source the previous year; from the Potomac Synod \$4522.36, being an increase over the previous year of \$513.68; and from the Pittsburgh Synod \$2861.38; showing a decrease of \$728.67; and from Miscellaneous Sources \$2406.51, an increase of \$213.01. This reveals the fact that whilst the contributions of the Potomac Synod, and the income from Miscellaneous Sources for the cause of Home Missions have been encouragingly increased, those of the Synod of the United States and of the Pittsburgh Synod have decreased, and that there was paid into the Treasury of the Board, during the past year \$84.66 less than the previous year. This is certainly not as it should be, and these facts should prompt us by the grace of God to redouble our diligence in this important work.

The Treasurer also reports that there was paid out of the Treasury of the Pittsburgh Synod and of the Board, during the year, the sum of \$14,304.21, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$2675.44.

There was paid into the Treasury of the Church Extension Fund, during the past year, \$4044.58. This, together with \$213.59, the balance in the Treasury at the beginning of the year, aggregate \$4258.17. Of this sum there was paid out \$3947.45; leaving a balance of \$310.72 in the Treasury.

From the same Report it appears that there was in the Treasury of the Washington Chapel Fund, at the beginning of the year, \$66.26; and that there was paid during the year, \$760.98, in all amounting to \$827.24; and that there was paid out \$801.24, leaving a balance of \$26.00 in the Treasury.

From an action of the Board it appears that, of the \$3000.00 apportioned to this Synod on the Washington Mission Chapel, only \$1692.65 have been paid, leaving a balance due from this Synod \$1307.35. There is still a debt of \$500.00 resting on the Chapel. The Board justly asks that this Synod take such action as will secure this amount to the Treasury during the present year.

On this subject your Committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That the delinquent Classes be instructed to make speedy payment of their indebtedness to this object.

From the Treasurer's Report it appears that the income of the Board during the year just closed, from all sources amounts to \$19,640.00; showing an increase in the Contributions of the Churches for the Cause of Missions during the past year, over those of previous years.

The Board reports that \$20,000 will be needed to carry forward its work during the coming year, and names \$11,000 as the proper portion for this Synod and asks that the necessary measures be taken to raise this sum.

Your Committee recommends that this Synod assumes \$11,000 for Home Missions for the coming year, and that this sum, together with the \$1000 appropriated to the First Reformed Church of San Francisco, Cal., be apportioned among the several Classes as follows:

East Pennsylvania	\$1445 49
Philadelphia	710 00
Lebanon	3063 90
Lancaster	817 52
East Susquehanna	1625 90
West Susquehanna	882 17
Goshenhoppen	1291 30
Tohickon	1296 77
Lehigh	1910 65

On the request of the East Susquehanna Classis your Committee recommend that the said Classis be credited on their Mission apportionment for whatever sum not exceeding \$400 they appropriate to mission work within their own bounds, provided they report the same to Board of Missions and receive proper credit from that Body.

The Pittsburgh Synod in its overture to this Synod expresses the opinion that, at the end of this synodical year, the present arrangement of conducting missions should be discontinued, and the Home Missionary operations should be carried on under the General Synod's Board.

Your Committee is of the opinion, that the dissolution of the Tri-synodic Board at this time would be premature, and that the present arrangement ought to be continued until the General Synod's Board will have its Executive Council and its Superintendent of Missions. We therefore, offer the following for adoption:

Resolved: That this Synod cannot concur with the Pittsburgh Synod on this subject;

Resolved: That the present arrangement ought to be continued until the way is open to reach a higher unification in the missionary operation of the whole Church.

In relation to the appointment of an immigrant Missionary for the Harbor of New York City we recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved: That this Synod has learned with joy, that the General Synod has directed its Board of Home Missions to appoint an immigrant missionary for the Harbor of New York City, and that this good cause is hereby heartily commended to the confidence and support of our people.

Your Committee have taken notice of the duties laid upon them by this Synod's act of the "unification of its missionary operations," and will provide for the meeting of a Synodic Convention of Missions at as early a day as practicable.

Whilst in the judgment of your Committee there is yet much room for improvement in our mission work, yet, taken as a whole, the past year's work may be regarded as encouraging. As, however, the field before us is ever widening, and new doors are constantly opening for us to enter, we cannot but feel the great necessity to bestir ourselves and our people to increased efforts to extend the work of missions untill our beloved Zion shall have carried the gospel, not only to every portion of our own land, but also to all the people of the earth. ;

Your Committee respectfully recommend the following for adoption :

Resolved : That we return devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the prosperity which has attended the work of missions among us during the past year, under His guidance and blessing.

Resolved : That the various Classes under the jurisdiction of this Synod, be and hereby are urged to make increased efforts to cultivate a missionary spirit in all their congregations and members; and that they are earnestly requested to meet their apportionment for the coming year at as early a day as possible.

2. Foreign Missions.

The only document which came into the hands of your Committee under this head was the Triennial Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

It affords your Committee great pleasure to be able to report that the self-denials and labors of our foreign missionaries have been greatly owned and blessed by the Head of the Church during the past year; and that there comes to us a loud call for more laborers in the foreign field. May God in His goodness point out to the Church those whom He has chosen for this work.

Your Committee recommend the following for adoption ;

Resolved : That this Synod enjoin upon all the Classes, Consistories and Members of the Church, to remember the Cause of Foreign Missions in their prayers and offerings, and that an earnest effort be made throughout this Synod during the present year greatly to increase our contributions for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. KOPLIN, *Chairman.*

Rev. D. E. Schoedler, Missionary to California, reported the condition of our church in that state. He returned to attend Synod for the express purpose of raising funds to pay off the debt on the First Reformed Church in San Francisco.

It was resolved that this Synod raise \$1000 for this purpose, and that the amount be apportioned among the different Classes. This amount is included in the assessment made for the cause of missions. It was further resolved that the Board of Missions be authorized to borrow \$1000 for California Missions, and that this amount be returned by Synod from its apportionment.

A special service was held on Friday Evening in the interest of Home Missions, and one in behalf of Foreign Missions on Sunday Evening. At both of these services there was a large attendance.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, and also the Report of the Treasurer of Synod were received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance. The following is the report of the Board of Trustees:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened at Pottstown, October 8, 1884.

Fathers and Brethren:—Your Board of Trustees beg leave to present the following report:

The Board is composed of the following members:

Rev. C. S. Gerhard, whose term expires January 1, 1885.			
Elder Rudolph F. Kelker,	"	"	1, 1886.
Elder Jno. F. Orth,	"	"	1, 1887.
Rev. Jonathan E. Heister,	"	"	1, 1888.
Elder John Meily,	"	"	1, 1889.

As Rev. C. S. Gerhard's term expires on the 1st of January, 1885, we propose in obedience to requirement of the Charter, the names of Rev. George W. Snyder and Rev. J. W. Steinmetz as suitable candidates to fill said vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. ORTH, *President*.

JOHN MEILY, *Treasurer, in Account with the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

1884.		DR.	
Jan. 1.	To Cash J. J. Nisley, late Treasurer	\$96	13
Mar. 24.	" from East Susquehanna Classis, per Geo. Hill, Esq., Treasurer	50	00
Apr. 22.	" from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	26	15
June 12.	" from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D., Treasurer	100	00
Aug. 28.	" from Lehigh Classis, per Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treasurer	28	00
Sept. 4.	" from East Pennsylvania Classis, per Rev. T. O. Stem, Treasurer, 1882	50	00
	Arrears prior to 1882	120	00
" 13.	" from Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treasurer, 1884	14	00
" 16.	" from Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Manger, Treasurer, 1883	20	00
" 18.	" from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	14	00

Sept. 24.	To Cash from Philadelphia Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Esq., Treasurer, 1884	12 00
Oct. 1.	" from Tohickon Classis, per Isaac G. Gerhart, Esq., Treas., 1883 and 1884	20 00
		<u>\$550 28</u>

Oct. 6, 1884. To balance in hand \$20 78

1883.

CR.

Nov. 4.	By Cash paid Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Chairman Com. Drafting New Constitution, Trav. Expenses . .	\$28 00
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1884.

Jan. 1.	" to Rev. J. E. Hiester, D. D., Chairman of Com. Unification Minutes, Expenses	12 40
	" to John J. Nissley, expenses as Treasurer pro tem. of five years.	13 90
	" to J. F. Orth, Travelling Expenses	7 05
	" to Rev. J. E. Heister, D. D., Travelling Expenses .	95
April 2.	" to Rev. J. P. Stein, salary as Stated Clerk and Translating Minutes, etc., etc.	115 40
May 19.	" to Trustees, Travelling Expenses	6 80
June 18.	" to Reformed Church Publication Board, on account for printing Minutes of Synod, etc.	80 00
Sept. 12.	" to Same on Account of Same	200 00
" 24.	" to Same, on Account	65 00
Oct. 6.	" Balance on hand	20 78
		<u>\$550 28</u>

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

1884.

DR.

Jan. 1.	To Cash from John J. Nissley, late Treasurer	\$ 78 25
Apr. 16.	" from East Susquehanna Classis, per Geo. Hill, Esq., Treasurer	100 00
" 22.	" from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	90 07
June 12.	" from Lebanon Classis, per Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D., Treasurer	31 00
Sept. 4.	" from Rev. T. O. Stem, Treasurer East Pennsylvania Classis, 1882	100 00
	Arrears prior to 1882	170 00
" 18.	" from West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer	16 30
		<u>\$585 68</u>

1884.

CR.

June 18.	By Cash paid Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, Treasurer Reformed Publication Board, balance due Estate of N. Fisher	250 00
Oct. 6.	By Balance in Hand	335 68
		<u>\$585 68</u>

Oct. 6, 1884. To Balance in Hand \$335 68

SEMINARY AND GERHART FUND.

1884.		DR.	
Feb. 12.	To Cash from Isaac Munna, six mos. int., part Kieffer legacy .	\$125 00	
Mar. 7.	" from Leonard Kountz, one year's int. part Kieffer Leg.	225 00	
Mar. 7.	" from int. six mos., Gerhart Legacy, \$300 Harrisburg City Sixes	9 00	
Apr. 8.	" from Albert Hoerner, Principal Mortgage Cook Legacy	1200 00	
	One year's int. on same	72 00	
July 26.	" from Gerhart Legacy, six mos. int. on \$300 Harrisburg City Sixes	900	
Aug. 25.	" from Isaac Munna, six mos. int. part Kieffer Legacy	125 00	
Oct. 1.	" from Leonard Mountz, six mos. int., part Kieffer Legacy	112 50	
1884.		CR.	\$1,877 50
May 16.	By Cash to J. B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary. Lanc., Pa., six mos. int., part Kieffer Legacy	125 00	
	" to same, twelve mos. int., part Kieffer Legacy	225 00	
	" to same, twelve mos. int. Cook Legacy	72 00	
Aug. 20.	" to R. F. Kelker, Treas. Foreign Missions, twelve mos. \$100 Gerhart Legacy	6 00	
	" to W. H. Seibert, Treas. Home Missions, twelve mos. int. \$100, Gerhart Legacy	6 00	
	" to Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas. Board of Education, twelve mos. int. \$100, Gerhart Legacy	6 00	
Oct. 6.	" to John B. Roth, Treas., six mos. int., part Kieffer Legacy	125 00	
	" to same, six mos. int. part Kieffer Legacy	112 50	
	" balance in hand	1,200 00	
Oct. 6, 1884: To balance in hand (Cook Legacy)		\$1,200 00	\$1,877 50

GELBACH CLAIM.

1884.		
Oct. 1.	To Cash from Isaac G. Gerhart, Esq., Treas. Tohickon Classis, Assessment Gelbach Claim	\$35 00
	" from Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Pennsylvania Classis, Assessment Gelbach Claim	50 00
Oct. 6, 1884. To amount in hand		\$85 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Lebanon, October 6, 1884.

JOHN MEILY, Treas.
Harrisburg, Oct. 6, 1884.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of Elder John Meily, Treasurer of Synod, hereby certify that we find the same to be correct.

J. E. HEISTER,
RUD. F. KELKER, { Committee.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report. It was taken up item by item and adopted. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report:

Three items have been referred to us, viz:

- I. The Treasurer's Report.
- II. The Contingent Expenses of the General Synod.
- III. The account of the arrearages on Contingent and Sinking Funds.

1st. We find the Treasurer's Report correct as certified by the auditors of the Trustees of Synod.

2nd. The contingent Expenses of General Synod are as follows:

a. Contingent Purposes	\$820 00
b. Arrearages on Gelbach Claim	243 49
c. Interest on Gelbach Claim	146 09
d. Harbor Missions	820 00

We apportion the amount for Contingent Purposes as follows:

East Pennsylvania Classis	\$100 00
Lebanon "	180 00
Philadelphia "	60 00
Lancaster "	50 00
East Susquehanna "	100 00
West Susquehanna "	60 00
Goshenhoppen "	80 00
Tohickon "	80 00
Lehigh "	110 00
	\$820 00

Arrearages on Gelbach Claim and interest on same:

East Pennsylvania Classis	\$80 00
Philadelphia "	96 00
Goshenhoppen "	11 20
East Susquehanna "	128 00
West Susquehanna "	18 38
	\$333 58

HARBOR MISSIONS.

East Pennsylvania Classis	\$100 00
Lebanon "	180 00
Philadelphia "	60 00
Lancaster "	50 00
East Susquehanna "	100 00
West Susquehanna "	60 00
Goshenhoppen "	80 00
Tohickon "	80 00
Lehigh "	110 00
	\$820 00

Apportionments for Contingent Fund for the use of this Synod :

East Pennsylvania Classis	\$32 00
Lebanon "	64 00
Philadelphia "	24 00
Lancaster "	26 00
East Susquehanna "	32 00
West Susquehanna "	26 00
Goshenhoppen "	32 00
Tohickon "	32 00
Lehigh "	40 00
	\$308 00

The following Classes are in arrears on Contingent and Sinking Funds.

CONTINGENT FUND.

Lebanon Classis, 1881	\$ 52 00
" " 1882	130 00
	\$182 00
West Susquehanna Classis, 1882	22 00
East Susquehanna Classis, 1882	20 00
East Pennsylvania Classis, 1881	\$39 00
East Pennsylvania Classis, 1882	50 00
	89 00

SINKING FUND.

		\$313 00
Lebanon Classis, 1881	\$108 00	
Lebanon Classis, 1882	240 00	
		\$348 00
East Pennsylvania Classis, 1881	\$72 25	
East Pennsylvania Classis, 1882	100 00	172 25
		\$520 25

For the year now ended all the Classes have paid their Contingent apportionments in full.

We learn from the Treasurer's Report a balance in hand on Contingent Fund of \$20.78. This small balance, in comparison with the large balance of the previous year, called for an increase on the apportionments of that year. In the Sinking Fund Account there is a balance of \$335.68 in the hands of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PANNEBECKER, *Chairman.*

Rev. J. H. Pannebecker and A. R. Bartholomew were appointed to take a collection of twenty-five cents from each member of Synod and visiting brethren for the benefit of the sexton and defraying necessary contingent expenses. The committee subsequently reported that twenty dollars were collected for this purpose and paid into the hands of the pastor of this church.

Rev. J. W. Steinmetz was elected to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

THE ORGANIZATION OF A NEW CLASSIS.

In the consideration of the 10th item in the report of the Committee on the Minutes of Classes, the subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. N. S. Strassburger, O. H. Strunck and Elder Thos. Strauss, who subsequently reported the following action, which was adopted.

Your committee to whom the matter touching the organization of a new Classis out of a part of the Classis of Lebanon was referred, beg leave to report the following action, viz:

Resolved, That the Blue Ridge from the western boundary of the Classis of Lebanon to the Schuylkill River, and thence the Schuylkill River to the southern boundary of said Classis, be the line between the Classis of Lebanon on the one hand, and the contemplated new Classis on the other.

Resolved, That the territory of the Classis of Lebanon lying north and east of said line, shall be the territory of the contemplated new Classis.

Resolved, That the Classis of Lebanon is instructed to meet in special session at an early day, and dismiss those ministers whose congregations and charges are located in the territory of the contemplated new Classis, for the purpose of organizing another Classis.

Resolved, That the ministers thus dismissed are instructed to meet in special session in Trinity Reformed Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., within two months after dismissal, at the call of Rev. Jacob Kline, for the purpose of effecting an organization, and that Rev. Jacob Kline shall preside at said meeting.

Resolved, That the new Classis shall bear the following title—"The Classis of Schuylkill."

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to transmit this action to the President of the Classis of Lebanon.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. STRASSBURGER, *Chairman*.

The 12th and 13th items under the subject of appeals in the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Classis was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. D. Van Horne, Wm. F. Lichter and Elder P. S. Greenawalt, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to whom were referred the appeal cases from the Tohickon and Goshenhoppen Classes respectfully report:

1. In the case of the appeal and complaint of the Joint Consistory of the Hilltown Charge, and of Rev. H. F. Seipel against action of Tohickon Classis, at a meeting in St. Peter's Church, Nov. 28, 1883, we find no record in the Classical Minutes that the Appellant gave notice of his intention to appeal at the time when the action complained of was taken.

2. In the case of the appeal of Rev. C. H. Herbst against action of Goshenhoppen Classis, taken at an adjourned meeting in Zion's Church, Pottstown, June

10, 1884, we find that the Appellant failed to lodge his reasons for appealing with President of Classis within the ten days specified by the Constitution. We therefore report these appeals out of order.

DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman.*

In the adoption of the 19th item of the Report of the Minutes of Classis, the action of the Classis of West Susquehanna in relation thereto was ordered to be recorded. The action is as follows :

Your committee to make a minute on the action of Synod regarding the case of Rev. Henry Keller, who was permitted at our last annual sessions to pursue a secular calling, would respectfully report :

1. That when said action was taken Classis did plainly say to Rev. H. Keller, both in the discussion on the case and in its refusal to grant the latter part of his request, that this body has no power to relieve any minister of the powers and responsibilities of his office.

2. In addition to this fact, we sent to the Synod Rev. Mr. Keller's name on our roll.

The 3rd item of the Report of Minutes of Classes was amended. The Amendment is as follows :

Resolved, That the item be adopted, and the Classis of Tohickon directed to separate the recommendation "to continue his studies," so as to show that this was done by request of Licentiate G. B. Smith.

In the consideration of the 3rd item in the Report of the Committee on Overtures, the request coming from 193 petitioners of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa., to Synod, to open a way for its recognition as one of the churches of the Reformed denomination, the following action was taken :

Resolved, That the request be granted, and the Classis of Goshenhoppen be instructed to reconsider its action and recognize the St. Stephen's congregation.

Resolved, That this action of Synod in instructing the Classis of Goshenhoppen to reconsider its course in the matter of the St. Stephen's congregation of Pottstown, Pa., is not designed to set in judgment or condemn its action, inasmuch as we recognize in said action the earnest endeavor of the members of this Classis to preserve in their integrity the Constitution and order of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of this Synod be instructed to forward as soon as possible, under the official seal of Synod, a copy of its action touching the St. Stephen's congregation to the Stated Clerk of Goshenhoppen Classis.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the action of Synod.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

No special action was taken on this subject. Sunday-school addresses were delivered on Sunday afternoon as reported by the Committee on Religious Services.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States was received and referred to the Committee on Publication. The Report is as follows:

To the Synods in the United States, Pittsburgh and Potomac, The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States would respectfully submit the following Report:—

The Board has met three times in regular session throughout the year. The Officers of the preceding year were continued, viz:—George Gelbach, *President* and Charles G. Fisher, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*.

From the Annual Statement submitted by the *Superintendent* at the last meeting, Sept. 2d, is to be gathered the following:—

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31ST, 1884 :

From Periodicals	\$22,509.92
" Book Store	16,467.22
" Rents	692.96
" Collections	895.99
" Miscellaneous Sources	7,160.53
Total Receipts	\$47,726.62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Loans, etc., paid	\$ 6,300.00
Printing, Paper and Binding	22,948.64
Interest	2,883.30
Commissions	1,156.26
Merchandise	5,790.84
Salaries	5,885.56
Taxes and Insurance	601.78
Postage and Expressage	822.26
Miscellaneous	2,104.02
Total Disbursements	\$48,492.46
Excess of Disbursements	\$765.84

LIABILITIES—1884.

Notes on which Interest is paid	\$27,011.90
Mortgage on Building	15,000.00
Miscellaneous	5,328.70
Total 1884	<u>\$47,340.60</u>
Liabilities 1883	<u>49,509.01</u>
Decrease of Liabilities	\$2,158.41

ASSETS—1884.

As estimated by Committee.

Book Accounts	\$ 3,275.00
Periodical "	12,281.00
Stock in Store	6,151.93
Books in Sheets	4,150.00
Paper on Hand	1,114.00
Stereotype Plates	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	3,925.00
Real Estate	<u>35,000.00</u>
Total 1884	<u>\$68,896.93</u>
" 1883	<u>70,628.75</u>
Decrease of Assets	\$1,731.82
Assets	\$68,896.93
Liabilities	<u>47,340.60</u>
Excess of Assets	<u>\$21,556.33</u>

The Committee appointed to examine Stock, etc., submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

Philadelphia, September 2nd, 1884.

To the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States: Your Committee appointed to take account of Stock and ascertain from personal examination the financial condition of the Board, would hereby offer the following as their report:—

We find the stock in the store in a good condition. The amount of unsaleable goods has been considerably reduced, and such of this class as is still on hand, we have estimated at very low rates. From any goods that have depreciated in value, we have thrown off a corresponding percentage.

We find a large amount due on book and periodical accounts, considerable part of which, we fear, can never be collected. This we threw out of the estimate altogether. The Board is thus sustaining heavy losses from year to year, which ought not to be. We recommend that the Superintendent be enjoined to refuse further credit to such as owe on book accounts for over one year, and on periodical accounts for over two years; and that hereafter our business be conducted as nearly as possible upon a cash basis. We further recommend that all accounts

of over two years' standing be collected by law (in such cases as it can be done), if, after due notice, no satisfactory response is made within thirty days of such notice.

We are glad to report that the receipts in the book department have increased during the last year about \$2,250. There has also been some improvement in the total receipts from periodicals, especially from our Sunday School publications.

We cannot ignore the fact, however, that the income of the establishment does not meet expenses. There is a deficiency of over \$500—if we deduct from receipts the amount of collections contributed by the churches for the use of the Board. Of course the deficiency is owing mainly to the large amount of interest (nearly \$3000) that is paid on mortgage and loans.

We regret that a suitable agent has not been secured to raise funds from the Church at large to reduce our indebtedness incurred by the burning of our Publication House at Chambersburg. It is vain to hope that the business of the Board can ever be made to pay so large a debt. The patronage of the Church is not sufficient to do it and meet necessary current expenses. Earnest efforts should still be made to procure an agent to solicit donations to pay off our debt, and, in the meantime, we must still urge collections in the churches to meet the interest. Our Superintendent should also continue to exercise the greatest possible care to keep expenses as low as is consistent with the conduct of a successful business.

On the whole we regard the present financial condition of the Board as satisfactory as can be reasonably expected.

The Superintendent's report will show a reduction in assets, but also a still greater reduction in liabilities. In his report will be found a detailed account of the operations of the Board for the year ending July 31st, 1884. It will be seen that, even after the large reductions, (over \$18,000) made by your Committee on the value of stock and accounts, the net assets are nearly \$500 in excess of last year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE.

Hy. WIRT.

It is to be gathered from the same statement and report of Committee, that, as a whole the periodicals issued by the Board have increased in number of subscribers. The lessening of the price and number of issues during the year, of some of them, has been the means of increasing their circulation, as well as the income from them.

The Board, in order to awaken an interest in the Mission cause, Home and Foreign, in the Sunday Schools, began last January the publication of a paper under the title, "The Sunday School Missionary," which, whilst it has not met with the favor it was expected to do, has made some progress in the way of a circulation. The following action was taken by the Board at its last meeting:—

Resolved, That the attention of the Synods be called to the fact that the Board publishes a Sunday School Missionary paper which as yet has a limited circulation, and which we believe to be an excellent educator of the young, and a means of cultivating in them a missionary spirit.

The Book Department has been, we are glad to say, more generally patronized during the year; the amount of sales, and the receipts for the same, as stated in

report of Committee, being over \$2,000 more than last year. We only need the full and general patronage of the Church to make the revenue from this branch of the Board's operations much greater.

The number of books, tracts and services of different kinds printed for this Department during the year was 79,250, including 17,500 almanacs, an increase of the latter over last year, of 2,500.

The Board is glad to be able to announce that the music for the "Hymns of the Reformed Church" is nearly ready for publication; in fact, the book under the title of "Tunes for Worship," will be ready for circulation by the middle of October. The book has been under the general editorship of Dr. L. H. Steiner, and the music selected and edited by Prof. H. Schwing, organist of Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md. It is felt by the editors and the Board as Publishers that the book will meet a want generally felt in church music, and as to contents will bear just and impartial criticism, as well as prove instructive and elevating to those using it. It will be issued in two styles of binding, at the retail price, of 50 cts. and 75 cts. respectively.

For some time the Board has been endeavoring to place the mortgage on its property at a lower rate of interest. After considerable difficulty, by reducing the amount to be put on mortgage through a temporary loan of \$5,000 on note of members of the Board thrown in bank, and also providing for the security to mortgagee of the annual payment of irredeemable ground rent, the remainder, \$15,000, was placed at 5 per cent. per annum. This mortgage, however, it is proper to state, is but temporary in its character, its permanency depending on the response of the Synods to the following action of the Board:—

WHEREAS, The charter of the Board of Publication requires that all mortgages given by it must have the approval of a majority of the Synods represented in the Board, and

WHEREAS, We desire to change the mortgage on real estate with a view to obtain a lower rate of interest, therefore, we hereby overture the Synods in the United States, of the Potomac and of Pittsburgh, to pass the following:—

Resolved, That the Publication Board of the Reformed Church of the United States, be, and is hereby authorized, by this Synod to give a mortgage for fifteen thousand dollars in lieu of the one heretofore existing for twenty thousand on its property, 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The expenses of making this change in the mortgage were considerable, and go mainly with others, not usual heretofore, to make up the extra expenses named in the Report of the Committee. This, however, will be offset by the reduction of interest in the future. In this connection, it is proper to state that these expenses have been met without incurring any further debt, there being a surplus of receipts from previous years from which to draw. It is needless to say that the Board is careful to keep down the expenses as much as possible, and only incurs such as are necessary to carry on its business, increasing as it is, from year to year.

The attention of the Synods is respectfully called to the following resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board:—*Resolved*, That the Synods in the United States, Potomac, and Pittsburgh, at their approaching annual meeting be, and are hereby earnestly overtured to see that the Churches increase their collections for the use of the Board; that pastors and consistories through their

respective classes, do all in their power to secure larger subscription lists to "The Messenger" and other periodicals of the Board, and that each pastor be directed to report in his statistics the number of our Church and Sunday School papers taken in his charge, and the same be reported in the tables of the District Synods.

Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D., who was elected as Synodical editor of "*The Messenger*," by the Synod in the United States, having declined to accept the position, the Board, at its meeting held in December, 1883, elected Rev. C. S. Gerhard, of Reading, to fill the vacancy thus occurring, until the meeting of the Synod. Rev. A. R. Kremer, Synodical editor of the Synod of Potomac, having resigned that position in consequence of his removal from the bounds of the Synod, and the Board accepting the resignation, Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., of Hagerstown, Md., was elected to fill the vacancy, until the next meeting of the Synod. It will therefore devolve upon these Synods to fill by election these respective vacancies.

The term of Elder Geo. W. Hensel, Trustee from the Synod in the United States, will expire at the end of the present year. The Synod named will therefore fill the vacancy that will thus occur in the Board.

GEO. GELBACH, *President*.

CHAS. FISHER, *Secretary*.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 15, 1884.

The following report was received from the committee to superintend the publication of the "*Hausfreund*" and referred to the Committee on Publication:

REPORT OF "*HAUSFREUND*."

The *Hausfreund* continues to be published under the Editorship of Dr. B. Bausman. It is highly efficient in disseminating Church news and in cultivating the Christian life and a Scriptural morality. It is issued every two weeks, and has a circulation of about 2,600.

The paper has no debts, and a considerable amount of its surplus fund has been devoted to benevolent purposes and objects in the bounds of our Church.

J. W. STEINMETZ,

In behalf of the Committee.

The standing committee on publication to whom the foregoing reports were referred submitted the following report, which was received, taken up item by item, and adopted. The report is as follows:—

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication respectfully present to Synod the following report:

Two documents have been placed in our hands: 1st, the Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, and 2nd, the report of the *Hausfreund*, signed for the committee by the Rev. John W. Steinmetz.

Inasmuch as the Publication Board's report will be given in full in the Minutes of this Synod, we shall not repeat its details, but merely give the general results, and then pass on to offer some suggestions for the relief of the Board.

For the year just closing the liabilities have been reduced \$2,158.41, but the assets have also decreased \$1,731.82. At the present time the sum total of liabilities is \$37,440.60; and the excess of assets over liabilities amounts to \$21,556.33. The Board regards the present financial condition of the business to be as satisfactory as can be reasonably expected.

It must be remembered that the debt is the consequence of the destruction of the property of the Board by the burning of Chambersburg during the civil war. This Synod in 1864 engaged to raise the sum of \$60,000 to repay the heavy loss, and ordered the Board to purchase real estate in Philadelphia and resume its business. Of this sum promised (before the Pittsburgh Synod and the Potomac Synod were organized), about \$20,000 were collected and paid over, leaving a balance of \$40,000 of the whole amount on which the Board depended unpaid. Hence the embarrassment which our Publication Board has been experiencing.

If we consider all things properly, the management of the Publication affairs during the past Synodical year must be pronounced a success. There would have been a surplus of nearly \$2,500 were the business not burdened with the interest of the debt, amounting to nearly \$3,000. As matters now stand, this annual interest is consuming the annual profits. Could the debt be removed, or could the business be relieved of the interest on the debt for a series of years then the Publication Board would be able not only to sustain itself, but also to reduce the principal of its indebtedness \$2,000 or \$3,000 annually. This opinion of your Committee goes on the presumption, however, that the business of the Board would continue to be managed with judgment and economy.

After careful reflection your Committee has agreed to submit the following proposed action:

1. That this embarrassing question arising from indebtedness be referred back to the Board of Publication with instructions to devise some wise and equitable plan of relief. And we recommend that the Board examine into the feasibility of transferring the management to a company of private individuals, who shall have control or possession of our publications, subject to an annual premium to be paid into the Treasury or Treasuries of the Church.
2. That, if inaugurated, the plan be put in operation as soon as expedient, *provided* that the execution of the plan does not exceed the limits of authority vested in the Board. If the execution of the plan exceed these limits, the Board is directed to report it for approval to the three Synods at their annual meetings in 1885.
3. That the officers of this body are hereby instructed to communicate this action to the Potomac Synod at its annual meeting in Hanover, on Wednesday next, Oct. 15th, and ask its concurrence; also to the Pittsburgh Synod at its annual meeting in 1885.

The Board of Publication has succeeded in placing a mortgage on its property for \$15,000, at five per cent. In order that this transaction may be legally consummated, we propose for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the Publication Board of the Reformed Church of the United States be and is hereby authorized by this Synod to give a mortgage for fifteen thousand dollars in lieu of the one heretofore existing for twenty thousand dollars on its property, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

There is one vacancy in the Board of Trustees. The term of office of Elder

George W. Hensel expires at the end of the present year. The Synodical Editorship is vacant, as the Rev. Dr. J. B. Shumaker, elected one year ago, declined to accept. In his place the Board, in December, 1883, elected the Rev. C. S. Gerhard, of Reading, who has been filling the vacancy to the present time. It is therefore incumbent on the Synod to elect a Synodical Editor.

At the request of the Board of Publication we also submit for adoption the following resolution :

1. That we renew the recommendations to classes, consistories and pastors to secure larger subscription lists to the *Messenger* and other periodicals of the Church.

Finally, we have the pleasure of stating that the *Hausfreund* continues to be prosperous, and we propose that Synod renew its recommendation of this periodical to the continued support of the Church.

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman*.

It was resolved that Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart be appointed Commissioner to the Potomac Synod, to inform it of the action of this Synod in reference to the Publication Board, and that the Corresponding Secretary inform him of the same.

Elder Geo. W. Hensel was elected a member of the Board of Publication, and Rev. C. S. Gerhard was elected Synodical Editor.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have printed for distribution 3,500 copies of Minutes of Synod, equal to the number of copies asked for by the several classes, as well as a sufficient number for distribution to ministers, English and German, as the roll may require.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Jas. T. Reber, 1 ; Geo. Gelbach, 2 ; Geo. W. Hensel, 3.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

In the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod, the first item having reference to the rules of order submitted by the General Synod, a committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Dr. D. E. Klopp, Dr. E. V. Gerhart and Elder I. B. Yeakel, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee to whom were referred the rules of order adopted by the General Synod at Baltimore, Md., for the parliamentary guidance of the several judicatories of the Church, would respectfully recommend their adoption by this Synod with the exception of the seventh, which is in conflict with Article 64 of the Constitution.

D. E. KLOPP, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the 4th day of the sessions the President appointed Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, J. J. Crist and Elder Philip Peters a committee to hear excuses for leave of absence. The committee reported from time to time the applications made by members of Synod, and the requests were granted.

The Report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home was presented by Rev. D. B. Albright, Superintendent of the Home, which was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. A. B. Koplin, Dr. D. E. Klopp and Elder Chas. A. Mauch.

The report of Bethany Orphans' Home is as follows :

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

DEAR BRETHREN :—We herewith present you a concise statement of the workings and finances of Bethany Orphans' Home during the year now ended.

Fifty-nine orphans were cared for during the year. Two teachers, both educated in the Home, have been doing the work in the school-rooms. We teach alphabet, reading, spelling, writing (German and English), arithmetic (written and mental), geography, grammar (English, German and Latin), also reading, in all three, history, physiology.

We have worship—German in the morning, and English in the evening ; and on Sabbath have four services. We study the Heidelberg Catechism the whole year around, and have a recitation and review every Sabbath. Three hundred and sixty orphans have been cared for since the opening of this Home ; 142 have been confirmed since the organization of the congregation in 1869 ; 22 of these are now in the Home, and 120 have taken certificates to other congregations of our Church. The farm has produced in the past year 462 bushels of wheat, 54 bushels rye, 395 bushels corn, 330 bushels oats, 300 bushels potatoes, 40 bushels peaches, 75 bushels grapes, 35 tons hay, pasture for 15 head of cattle, and all the vegetables used in the Home. The Church has been kind to this Home. The Board has found itself able to admit more orphans, and yet, with the aid of \$800 willed by a friend, has been able to reduce its current (and only) debt \$1100. The debt now is \$1900. In the year now opening we pray for a share in your benevolent distributions, and promise to use your gifts with the utmost economy, and for the benefit of the greatest numbers. Forget not the orphans.

D. B. ALBRIGHT, *Sec. Board.*

The Committee on Bethany Orphans' Home submitted the following report, which was taken up item by item and adopted. The report is as follows :

Your Committee beg leave respectfully to report the following :

The only document which has been placed in our hand is the Report of the Board.

From this report we learn that the Home has been remembered by a legacy of \$800, and has in consequence been enabled to admit more orphans, the number

of its inmates now being 59. They have also reduced the current and only debt \$1100.

The Home is in a prosperous condition, and promises fairly to become a still greater blessing to the fatherless children.

Your committee recommend the following for adoption :

Resolved, That this Synod return devout gratitude to the Father of the fatherless for His continued blessing upon this institution of mercy, by preserving the health of its officers and inmates, for its remembrance by will, and for all contributions for its support.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily commends Bethany Orphans' Home, and with it all the Orphans' Home of our Zion, to the earnest prayers and liberality of all our churches and families.

Resolved, That we return the thanks of this Synod to the members of the Board for their labors of love in the orphans' behalf during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. KOPLIN, *Chairman*.

A HOME FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM.

The Standing Committee to whom was referred the general subject of the founding of a Home for the aged and infirm, presented the following report, which was adopted and the committee continued :

The Committee appointed at the Synod of Danville on the Founding of a Home for Aged and Infirm persons in our Church, beg leave to report that although the subject has engaged the attention of the members, they have as yet no definite plan to suggest in regard to such an institution.

Indeed, it is thought that further Synodical action upon this subject had better be deferred until some individual or individuals may furnish buildings or means for this given purpose. There are members of our Church who have had this matter under consideration, and the knowledge of this called for the first appointment of your Committee. The nature or terms of any such bequests might so modify any plans now adopted as to make them useless. Your Committee would therefore suggest that it be continued, or that another one be appointed in its place to await developments.

P. S. DAVIS, JNO. J. NISSLEY,
D. E. KLOPF, JAS. T. REBER,
I. K. LOOS,

Committee.

VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

In regard to the vice of intemperance the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, The almost incredible amount of \$600,000,000 is annually expended in the United States for intoxicating liquors ; and

Whereas, One-half of the taxes levied on the people of the United States is directly chargeable to the use of alcoholic beverages ; and

Whereas, The most appalling amount of crime, suffering and disgrace is caused by the liquor traffic; and

Whereas, The efforts hitherto made have failed to furnish an adequate remedy therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod favors the total prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drink as a beverage by constitutional amendment.

Resolved, That Synod earnestly desires its pastors, elders, deacons and people to continue to use all proper means to educate the public mind and conscience to the approval of this remedy.

In the consideration of the first item of the Report on Overtures, the following report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States was read. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN BELOVED IN THE LORD:—The undersigned would respectfully call the attention of your Reverend Body to the nature and claims of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States." This institution of our Church was organized in the latter part of the last century. It was chartered by the Supreme Court of the State, about twenty years later, in 1810. This charter was supplemented by an Enabling Act of the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1835.

The design and aim of the Society are to assist ministers' widows and their families, and also disabled ministers themselves, where pecuniary resources are insufficient to afford them a comfortable living. As originally organized and chartered, the Society could give aid only to the widows of its deceased members. This limitation was removed in 1855, when the charter was revised and supplemented. Agreeably to the charter as now amended, the Society can and does grant help to those classes of members of the Reformed Church, to wit:

1. To the widows and children of deceased members of the Society who are in straitened circumstances.
2. To the widows and family of any deceased minister of the Reformed Church, whether he was ever a member of the Society or not, if needing assistance.
3. To disabled ministers themselves, who are members of the Society, and require pecuniary aid.

At the present time the Society is extending help to persons belonging to all three of these classes or divisions of annuitants. Two aged and disabled ministers, one of them a member of your valuable body, are now on our list of persons helped, together with about twenty widows, some of whom are the widows of ministers who filled prominent pastorates and positions in their day, but died poor. Their names would be proof of this, were it deemed proper to give names.

The Society consists of two classes of members, namely, annual contributing members and life members. By the payment of an initiation fee of \$5.00, and thereafter annually \$3.00, a minister of the Reformed Church becomes a contributing member. He is made a life member by the payment of \$65.00. This amount may be paid at one time, or in several installments, as may best suit the individual's convenience. The widows of life members have no advantage over those of the other class in the way of receiving aid from the Society.

The sources of income are, 1st, The interest accruing from the invested funds, now aggregating about \$20,000; 2nd, Moneys paid into the treasury by the annual contributing members, which does not amount to a great deal annually, as most of the membership are life members; 3rd, Gifts from individuals and collections taken up in their congregations by pastors; and 4th, Legacies. The main reliance of the Society has been the invested funds and the collections in the churches from year to year.

Every year the number of ministers' widows needing pecuniary aid is increasing, and every year there are some of our ministerial brethren becoming superannuated or disabled, who must receive aid from the Church or suffer from want. Our Society aims at relieving all these cases of distress, as far as possible. But in order to accomplish this purpose our income must, in the way of collections, be largely augmented from year to year. If all our pastors and churches will co-operate with us in this noble work, we shall be able to meet the wants of all.

Your Reverend Body is, therefore, respectfully requested to consider the claims of this Society, and to urge the several Classes of your Synod to order a collection to be lifted in their congregations for the benefit of the Society, on or about the third Sunday in June of next year.

In behalf of the Society, I remain,

Yours fraternally in Christ,

WM. M. DEATRICK,

President of Society.

Mercersburg, Pa., October 8th, 1884.

In the reception of this report the following action was taken :

Resolved, That the pastors and consistories of the several classes be directed to lift a collection for the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows on the third Sunday of June of each year.

The Committee on Nominations to whom had been referred so much of the Reports of the Trustees of Synod and the Board of Publication, as related to the filling of the vacancies occurring in these Boards; a communication from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, in regard to the vacancies occurring in that Board, presented its report during the session on Saturday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The election was ordered to take place on the fifth day of the sessions, at 10 A. M., and the requisite number of copies of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of Synod. At the time appointed the election was held. Rev. J. H. Pannebecker and Elder R. H. Kramm were appointed Tellers, who received the ballots, counted them, and reported the results through the President, as found noted in each case in its appropriate place, except the filling of the vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, which resulted in the choice of Hon. J. P. Wickersham, Hon. J. W. Killinger, and Dr. Joseph Coblenz.

In connection with the reading of the Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod the following action was taken :

Resolved that the stated clerk be direct to give the requisite information to the trustees of Synod respecting the matter of annually presenting to this body two nominees for the election of one member of this board.

THE REFORMED ALLIANCE.

The following paper was unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, The different Reformed churches of Germany have inaugurated a Reformed Alliance, whose meeting was held at Marburg, August 19, 1884, and whose object is to strengthen the interests and spread the doctrines of the Reformed Church in that land ; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States expresses its joy at the formation of such an Alliance, and sends its hearty greetings to the next meeting of that Alliance at Elberfeldt, in August, 1885, with the prayer that the Great Head of the Church would bless their efforts and their churches, and also with the hope that further intercourse may be carried on between the mother church of Germany and the daughter church of America.

Rev. J. C. Bucher, D. D., one of the oldest members of this Synod, by request, delivered an address to this body. The brief sketch of his labors in the Christian ministry, his missionary zeal and his activity in the various Boards of the Church for educational and benevolent purposes were made manifest in his abundant labors. The President, in the name of the Synod, thanked the Doctor for his encouraging address, and pronounced upon the venerable father the Mosaic benediction.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are heartily extended to the pastors and members of the Reformed congregations of Pottstown, Pa., for their generous hospitality shown the Synod during its sessions in their midst ; and

Resolved, That the above resolutions be read from the pulpits of the Reformed churches of this place.

Resolved, That we return thanks to the P. & R. R. R. for their kindness in extending to the members of Synod the benefits of excursion rates.

Resolved, That we return thanks to the reporters for their services rendered us during our sessions.

The roll was called. None were found absent without permission. The minutes were read, adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

It was resolved that we adjourn to meet in annual sessions in St. John's Reformed Church, Mifflinburg, Union County, Pa., on the second Wednesday of October, 1885, at 7.30 P. M.

I. K. LOOS, *President.*

JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

LEBANON CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infra.	Bapt's	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Comm'd.	Dissmised.	Resurres.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	B. S. Sch'l's	Min. Stud.	Contributions.	Min. of Synod.	Ger	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Gring.	Superannuated,	5 1390	639	231	1	132	1356	8								\$238 00	10	10	Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co., Pa.
A. S. Leinbach,	Schwartzwald,	1 960	700	115	2	43	20	660	9							767 00	2	2	Reading, Berks
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	First Ch., Lebanon,																		Lebanon, do
Jacob Klein,	Without charge,																		Schuykill Haven, Sch'y'l do
Jona E. Hiestor, D.D.,	Annyville,	4 495	300	46	2	22	2	417	3							250 00	4	4	Annyville, Lebanon
Chas. F. McCauley, D.D.,	2d Ch., Reading,	1 538	300	31	3	30	11	400	6							1805 00	6	6	Reading, Berks
T. Calvin Leinbach,	Bernville,	6 1300	950	113	3	76	12	1200	15							176 00	3	3	Womelsdorf, Berks
George Wolff, D. D.,	Myerstown,	1 510	310	25	1	22	11	430	4							342 00	10	10	Myerstown, Lebanon
Benj. Bauman, D. D.,	St. Paul's Mem. Ch.,	1 600	300	31	2	21	21	530	15							1349 00	13	13	Reading, Berks
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.,	St. John's, Lebanon,	1 226	150	16	3	18	6	160	2							700 00	9	9	Lebanon, do
Eliz. E. Hiestor,	Without charge,																		Lebanon, do
Daniel B. Albright,	Rathany, Orph. Home	1 31	35				31									99 00	2	2	Straustown, Berks
W. M. Rely, Ph. D.,	Pres. Allen's Fem. Col.,																		Womelsdorf, Berks
Henry A. Keyser,	St. Paul's, Mahanoy,	1 625	475	77		40	575	10								250 00	4	4	Allentown, Pa.
Jno. O. Johnson,	St. John's, Schuy'l. Ha.	1 245	225	20		19	1	203	3							117 00	8	8	Mahanoy City, Schuykill
F. W. Dechant,	Without charge,																		Schuykill Haven, Sch'y'l do
Jas. A. Schultz,	do do																		Reading, Berks
Henry Leisse,	Orwigsburg,	5 540	440	26	1	46	338									84 00	4	4	Orwigsburg, Schuykill
H. Mosser,	First Ref Ch. Reading,	1 1000	800	71	4	95	35	970	33							902 00	14	14	Reading, Berks
R. S. Appel,	Schertzville,	3 415	150	54	28	125										22 00	3	3	Hamburg, Berks Co.,
M. L. Fritch,	Allegheny,	5 800	450	51	7	65	6	648	21							171 00	10	10	Reading, Berks
J. W. Steinmetz,	St. John's, Reading,	2 634	525	76	1	35	21	506	16							173 00	1	1	Reading, do
M. Peters,	Without charge,																		Galesville, do
J. C. Bucher, D. D.,	Superannuated,	4 727	636	83	11	51	7	473	2							125 00	7	7	Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.
Adam J. Bachman,	Schaefferstown,	1 262	200	14	1	16	9	266	4							175 00	8	8	Schaefferstown, Lebanon
Allen R. Bartholomew,	Trinity Ch. Pottsville,	3 345	280	58		35	12	300								181 00	6	6	Pottsville, Schuykill
John J. Fisher,	Trinity, Tamaqua,	3 485	300	39		34	11	362	2							78 00	4	4	Hamburg, Berks Co.,
Percy Y. Schell,	Hamburg,																		do do
																			Tamaqua, Schuykill

LEBANON CLASSIS—Continued.

MINISTERS.		CHARGES.		Congrs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Bapt'as		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Sch'rs.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.		POST-OFF-ADDRESS.
							Inf'as.	Adults											Benef.	Purp's	Eng.		Ger.
B. S. Metzger,	Pine Grove,	4	445	250	46	12	5	340	2	4	250	13	4	250	4	250	\$65 00	\$450 00	4	4	Pine Grove, Schuylkill do	
Tobias Kessler,	Swatara,	4	472	281	31	23	1	380	2	4	293	12	4	293	12	4	91 00	1817 00	8	8	Jonestown, Lebanon do	
W. Donk,	New Jerusalem,	2	470	429	50	3	8	392	4	2	360	22	5	360	22	5	95 00	1194 00	10	10	Schuylkill Haven, Sch'y'l do	
L. D. Steckel,	1st Church, Pottsville,	2	270	180	12	2	21	12	180	2	2	7	2	200	7	2	77 00	1577 00	10	7	Pottsville, do do	
J. Alvin Reber,	St. Mark's,	1	152	94	16	5	2	106	2	2	200	8	1	200	8	1	41 00	1300 00	7	1	Cressona, Schuylkill do	
Charles H. Coon,	Without charge,	1	290	291	26	1	24	5	216	4	4	14	1	210	1	210	13 00	984 00	1	1	Boston, Mass. do	
Geo. W. Sibbitz,	Trinity Church,	3	260	195	14	2	38	4	206	1	3	19	3	200	1	3	22 00	659 00	4	3	Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa. do	
Geo. F. Zellert,	Minersville,	1	93	1	6	16	7	90	1	1	250	1	1	250	1	1	9 00	0	4	4	Minersville, Schuylkill do	
Calvin S. Gerhard,	St. Stephen,	4	975	390	26	64	840	30	8	703	3	13	5	250	1	5	50 08	1400 00	10	8	Reading, Berks do	
Sam'l A. Leimbach,	Leesport,	2	670	390	24	30	8	703	3	1	244	13	3	244	13	3	138 00	542 00	10	10	8342 S. Fifth St. Reading, do	
H. J. Welker,	Tulpehocken,	2	1120	750	30	69	978	400	6	9	400	14	3	300	14	3	359 00	664 00	10	10	Stroudsburg, Berks do	
W. J. Kershner,	Sinking Springs,	3	510	265	10	2	6	400	33	2	20	6	3	305	6	3	6 00	2140 00	10	11	115 S. Third St. Reading, do	
L. D. Stambaugh,	Womelsdorf,	1	40	25	2	4	4	30	50	1	20	2	1	20	2	1	60 00	200 00	4	1	Rebersburg, Berks do	
L. D. Steckel, sup.,	Mohrville,	1	35	20	4	4	4	30	50	1	20	2	1	20	2	1	133 00	412 00	—	—	Orefield Lehigh do	
L. D. Steckel, sup.,	St. Clair,	1	60	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
H. J. Welker, sup.,	St. Paul's,	3	571	271	20	2	18	7	324	2	1	15	3	205	1	104	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Mt. Zion,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	St. Jacob's,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B. F. Biery, Licentiate,	St. Mark's Mis. S. S.,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Ray. T. S. Johnston, D.D., has been elected Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. St. John's Church, Lebanon is vacant.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Resures.	Deaths.	S. School.	S. Scholr.	Sta. Min'y.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	Ger.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
					Infants.	Adults.										Penes.	Cong.					
Rudolph Duenger,	Ashland,	1	300	240	35	24	24	266	1	1	1	12	1	200		\$100 00	\$1400 00	2	3	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.		
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	Mahanoy,	7	528	399	84	24	24	417	6	1	1	11	7	350		250 00	1083 00	7	8	Greenbrier, Northumberland do		
Alfred Houtz,	Orangeville,	4	284	187	10	5	10	2	27	4	8	3	4	187		155 00	805 00	6		Orangeville, Columbia do		
Wylghamsa Derr,	Conyngham,	4	606	400	56	43	43	542				34	4	300		160 00	1400 00			Conyngham, Luzerne do		
William G. Engle,	Uniontown,	6	775	415	60	21	21	545	10			23	6	300		181 00	2290 00			Pittow, Dauphin do		
Geo. B. Dechaat,	Catawissa,	3	375	350	35	34	34	427				12	5	300		200 00	1650 00	8		Catawissa, Columbia do		
John K. Millet,	Paradise,	3	480	320	18	4	20	10	448	19	4	3	3	325		258 00	1650 00			McEwensville, North ber'd do		
Franklin K. Levan,	Wilkesbarre,	1	391	366	65	1	25	14	300	1	8	19	1	200		60 00	1100 00	3	4	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do		
J. B. Kerschner,	Millersburg,	3	432	260	21	1	29	7	323	3	7	9	3	270		145 00	835 00	4		Millersburg, Dauphin do		
William C. Schaeffer,	Danville,	3	320	165	13	3	10	4	271	21	7	9	3	355	1	271 00	1125 00	10		Danville, Montour do		
Thomas J. Hacker,	Shamokin,	1	440	300	92	5	52	25	418	3	3	12	1	335		212 00	3480 00			Shamokin, Northumberland do		
Sebastian C. Meckel,	Plymouth,	1	76	59	18	13	6	52	7	1	4	3	1	135		18 00	60 00			Plymouth, Luzerne do		
Oliver H. Strunck,	Bloomsburg,	4	251	260	39	15	15	207				18	4	200	1	106 00	700 00	7		Bloomsburg, Columbia do		
William E. Sandoe,	Ringtown,	4	368	156	39	2	35	1	350			13	4	190		20 00	450 00			Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., do		
S. S. Kohler,	Wapwallopen,	2	250	200	57	1	9	8	135		10	17	1	200		43 00	700 00	2		Belbend, Luzerne do		
A. M. Maeschelmer,	Weatherly,	3	162	100	17	1	9	8	135				2	3	100	20 00	950 00			Weatherly, Carbon do		
C. H. Muebler,	Overton,	1	89	35	1	3	10	6	71				5	1	74	15 00	1814 00			Dushore, Sullivan do		
J. H. Hunsberger,	Christ Church	6	454	274	52	5	46	15	397				14	6	210	189 00	952 00	12		Fayette, Seneca, N. Y. do		
Geo. P. Harzell,	Augusta,	3	517	194	19	1	18	8	374	10	2	8	3	236		190 00	750 00			Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa. do		
Thomas S. Land,	Mt. Zion,	2	210	245	75	1	29	2	164				23	1	80	25 00	1656 00	9		Turbotville, do do		
J. J. Rothrock,	Hazleton,	4	152	105	13	10	117						3	4	60	47 00	1600 00	3		Freeland, Luzerne do		
W. D. Donat,	Berwick,	6	229	159	19	13	4	169		2			4	6	200	41 00	550 00	6		Mifflinville, Columbia do		
E. Kuhn,	Berryburg,	1	278	150	12	8	45	260	5				6	1	300	114 00	1050 00	4		Elizabethville, Dauphin do		
F. C. Yost,	Milton,	1	215	120	3	3	57	5	260	4			4	1	150	86 00	820 00			Milton, Northumberland do		
J. C. Leinbach,	Sunbury,	5	265	210	50	6	6	263					18	5	210	121 00	750 00			Sunbury, do do		
vacant,	Deep Creek,																					
O. H. Strunck,	Heller's cong.,	1	112	65	3	6	2	106	2				2	1	55	28 00	275 00	4		Bloomsburg, Pa. do		
T. J. Hacker,	St. Paul's,	1	36	22	10		2	34					2	1	25	11 00	100 00			Shamokin, Northumberland do		
J. C. J. Kurts,	Without charge,																					
		82	8770	5640	929	45	570	210	7413	102	348	287	82	5603	2	\$3186 00	\$31029 00	87	28			

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Bapt's		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Kxroom.	Kraures.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	B. G. Sch's.	Stu. for M.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	Co., Pa.			
					Infants.	Adults.											Corp.	Purp.			Eng.	Ger.	
Wm. H. Grob,	Boalsburg,	4	345	225	22	6	3	306	3				7	4	200		\$261 00	\$935 00	10	2	Boalsburg, Centre	do	
Daniel M. Wolf,	Sept. Pub. Inst.																				Spring Mills,	do	
William W. Clouser,	White Deer,	3	324	220	41	1	30	310	2				6	3	120	1	80 00	650 00	11	4	White Deer Mills, Union	do	
Wm. A. Haas,	Selinsgrove,	4	396	380	26	5	8	375	3				3	12	340		204 00	1100 00	5	2	Selinsgrove, Snyder	do	
William M. Landis,	Beaver Springs,	5	471	510	15	1	40	455	5				6	5	270		150 00	455 00	20	3	Beaver Springs, Snyder	do	
John F. De Long,	Belleville,	2	170	100	9	9	9	160	5				1	2	120		210 00	4220 00	10	10	Belleville, Centre	do	
A. Carl Whitmer,	Midlandburg,	3	470	170	6	1	20	7 400	8				7	2	200	1	280 00	2450 00	22	22	Midlandburg, Union	do	
R. Leighton Gerhart,	Lewisburg,	1	235	80	5	9	5	215	7				1	1	225	1	160 00	1230 00	9		Lewisburg, Union	do	
William R. Yearick,	Without charge,																				Walker, Centre	do	
S. Penrose Brown,	Liverpool,	6	218	225	25	4	19	3 145	12				7	5	250		37 00	800 00	8	4	Chapman, Snyder	do	
David O. Shoemaker,	Nittany Valley,	5	297	184	16	18	8	277	12				24	5	4	170		200 00	1040 00	10		Walker, Centre	do
Tugman R. Dietz,	New Berlin,	5	300	187	9	18	7	220	8				9	5	245		128 00	850 00	22	2	New Berlin, Union	do	
Zwingli A. Yearick,	Aronsburg,	3	292	242	14	4	4	261	5				17	3	205		238 00	1025 00	25	3	Aronsburg, Centre	do	
Newton J. Miller,	Rebersburg,	5	275	150	16	2	1	215	4				7	5	311		322 00	900 00	15	8	Rebersburg, Centre	do	
Henry Keller,	Without charge,																				Belleville, Centre	do	
George W. Gerhard,	Look Haven,	2	150	14	1	8	14	110					4	3	1	211		39 00	1221 00	4	1	Look Haven, Clinton	do
Daniel H. Leader,	Williamsport, St. John's	1	79	40	5	3	3	5	64	1			1	1	70		94 00	2733 00	15		Williamsport, Lycoming	do	
Vacant,	Centre Hall,	4	277	173	7	6	23	233	3				3	4	170		298 00	1440 00	10		Centre Hall, Centre	do	
Total, 17.		53	4299	2886	230	16	176	956	374	61			38	85	49	3107	3	\$2702 00	\$21157	196	29		

CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infants.	Bapt's	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schlr.	Stu. Mib'y.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
						Adults.										Beney.	Corp.	Eng.	Ger.		
David Rothrock,	Durham,	2	634	326	36	2	18	2	547	2	22	15	6	235	1	\$235 00	\$912 00	12	2	Kintnersville, Bucks Co., Pa.	
S. K. Gross,	Ridge Valley,	2	345	248	34			1	326	2	2	9	2	78		31 00	515 00	6	6	Schlichters, do do	
L. C. Sheip,	Saltem Doylestown,	1	121	93	3				93	4				85		20 00	450 00	6	6	Doylestown, do do	
A. F. Ziegler,	Keller's,	2	273	150	21			6	241	2		8	3	90		56 00	800 00	5	5	Bingen, Northampton do	
Jacob Kehm,	Indian Creek,	2	825	540	30	7	47	3	715	9		20	3	335		258 00	1277 00	6	6	Sellersville Bucks do	
Nathaniel Z. Snyder,	South Bethlehem,	2	327	250	39	20	34	268	6		24	12	3	325		84 00	850 00	8	8	68. Bethlehem, Northampton do	
Franklin J. Mohr,	Quakertown,	3	555	250	34	1	23	11	518	6		31	3	260	1	165 00	1531 00	7	7	Quakertown, Bucks do	
James G. Dengler,	Sellersville,	3	410	170	21	14	38	10	376	8		9	5	150		243 00	1318 00	12	7	Sellersville, do do	
Robt. C. Weaver,	Friedensville,	3	524	300	75	24	4	313	1	411	1	1	40	195		107 00	850 00	4	4	Coopersburg, Lehigh do	
G. W. Roth,	Tinticum,	3	391	133	23	3	24	4	313			8	14	3	90		695 00	10	10	Ottaville, Bucks do	
A. E. Koplin,	Lower Saucon,	3	645	340	30	1	15	7	490	1		2	7	5	300	2	571 00	1450 00	6	6	Hellertown, Northampton do
Henry J. Welker,*	Springfield,	3	579	297	28			4	488	1		6	1	2	425		289 00	830 00	4	4	
J. M. Hartzel,	Leidytown,	1	138	30	3	8	7	115	2			6	1	180		20 00	680 00	6	6	Chalfont, Bucks do	
H. F. Seiple,	Hilltown,	3	493		26	21	34	31	471	1	1	20	3	338	2	84 00	925 00	8	4	Lansdale, Montgomery do	
J. C. Leinbach,†	Riegelsville,	1	206	150	15	1	8	2	180	2		7	1	200		279 00	1055 00	6	6		
N. Z. Snyder, supply	South Easton,	1	155	155	5	3	3	4	123	2		7	1	115		73 00	400 00	6	28	Bethlehem, Northampton do	
D. F. Brendle, do	New Williams,	1	133	62	6			2	101			1	1	2	48		28 00	1781 00	2	2	Bethlehem, do do
H. K. Binkley, Lic. †																					
Total, 15.			36,675	3494	429	53	247	118	5774	49	174	206	57	3279	6	\$2637 00	\$16519 00	114	49		

* Dismissed to Lebanon Classis.

† Dismissed to East Susquehanna Classis.

‡ Dismissed to East Pennsylvania Classis.

CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commended.	Dismissed.	Kroom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Sabbath.	Sit. for M.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.		Co., Pa.	
																Benev. Pulp.	Comp. Pulp.	Km.	Ger.		
Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	Ziegel,	4	800	650	130	2	55	755	90	42	8	650	1	8	650	1	\$477 00	\$2000 00	6	8	Fogelsville, Lehigh
J. S. Herman,	Fleetwood,	4	600	400	120	55	3	480	2	40	6	370	1	6	370	1	180 00	4000 00	2	6	Kutztown, Berks
A. J. Herman,	Zion's,	7	627	300	50	19	550	19	550	2	20	8	430	2	8	430	169 00	2000 00	10	10	Maxatawny, do
Wm. R. Hofford,	Egypt,	4	850	500	51	22	4	725	3	28	9	550	2	2	550	2	210 00	1800 00	60	40	Allentown, Lehigh
Abm. Bartholomew,	Maconing,	4	575	340	82	65	450	2		20	17						178 00	2700 00	25	180	Lehighon, Carbon
N. S. Strassburger,	Without charge,																				do
E. J. Fogel,	Jordan,	4	850	650	66	64	756	4		23	8	2					368 00	2500 00	6	4	32 S. 7th St., Allentown
S. G. Wagner, D.D.,	St. John's, Allentown,	1	554	229	13	11	13	350	6	5	1	375					721 00	3073 00	70		Fogelsville, Lehigh
A. J. G. Dubbs,	Salem's, Allentown,	1	600	450	123	2	70	83	536	4	67	1	684				445 00	2980 00	50	20	114 S. 8th St., Allentown, do
Benjamin Weiss,	Lenhartville,	4	550	395	43	28	445			20	5	360	1				80 00	1250 00	12	12	523 Walnut St., do
J. Fritinger,	Without charge,																				Lehartville, Berks
Thomas N. Reber,	Maconing,	3	550	225	55	32	420	3		16	6	425	2				209 00	1300 00	8	12	Allentown, Lehigh
James N. Bachman,	Jacksonville,	4	800	500	87	51	12	600		41	8	800	1				150 00	1200 00	6	8	Allentown, do
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.,	Prof. State Nor. Sch.,																				Lynnport, do
I. E. Graef,	Tamaqua,	1	280	230	24	1	7	1	210	2	9	1	161				30 00	3200 00	5	10	Tamaqua, Berks
W. J. Peters,	Statington,	2	500	390	45	50	25	450	5	28	5	500	1				380 00	1800 00	20	8	Kutztown, Schuylkill
N. W. A. Helfrich,	His Father's assistant,																				do
John H. Leinbach,	Kutztown,	1	450	200	10	26	3	340		7	3	225					86 00	800 00	5	5	Statington, Lehigh
Edwin A. Gerant,	Zion's, Allentown,	1	880	400	32	1	43	47	650	5	30	1	475	1			960 00	2825 00	150	100	Fogelsville, Lehigh
M. H. Dieckenderfer,	Christ, Allentown,	1	141	130	19	10	1	77	4	5	1	224					15 00	202 00	6	4	Reading, Berks
Vacant,	Lehighon,	1	281	230	36	1	4	3	230	3	4	5	1	235			101 00	2300 00	12		28 N. 2d St., do
Supply Dr. Helfrich,	Lynnstown congr.,																				do
do A. J. G. Dubbs,	Emaus do	1	65	40	8		60			4							41 00	150 00	5	5	do
do A. Bartholomew,	St. Peter's do	1	90	45	6		72			4	1						12 00	700 00	5	5	do
do Benj'n Weiss,	Blanton do	1	145	80	4		90			5	2	1	100				11 00	300 00	3	3	do
do do do	St Paul's do	1	50	40	6	10	46			4	1	30					100 00	2	2	2	do
do I. E. Graef,	Summit Hill do	1	70	95	7	6	48				2	1	60				15 00	255 00	8	3	do
Total. 20.		53	10308	6519	1022	7	628	195	8340	141		4	422	93	6504	11	\$4838 00	\$37435 00	476	445	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Minist'rs.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconf'd Members.	Baptisms.			Additions.		Commun'd.	Dismiss'd.	K'room.	K'ased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for the Min.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	
					Infants.	Adults.	Conf'd.	Certif'd.	Benef. Purp.									Congreg'l Purp.	Eng.	Ger.	
East Pennsylvania,	19	49	8306	5790	619	13	425	104	6256	39	24	235	66	5911	8	\$5742 00	\$34509 00	126	47		
Lebanon,	42	85	18555	11588	1495	57	1161	323	15122	172	2	97	591	102	11173	6	10963 00	59434 00	225	118	
Philadelphia,	28	26	3854	1246	128	77	217	175	3185	45	14	61	25	3873	4	9164 00	52917 00	177	17		
Lancaster,	25	38	4520	2136	280	96	345	103	3759	58	19	143	36	3448	2	3337 00	21098 00	160	17		
East Susquehanna,	26	82	8770	5640	929	45	570	210	7413	102	3	48	287	82	5603	2	3186 00	31629 00	87	28	
West Susquehanna,	17	53	4299	2886	230	16	178	95	3746	61	38	85	49	3107	3	2702 00	21157 00	196	29		
Goshenhoppen,	14	28	6505	3732	463	37	337	45	5488	33	275	22	2815	5	2836 00	8218 00	90	9			
Tobicon,	15	36	6754	3194	429	53	247	118	5774	49	1	74	206	67	3279	6	2837 00	16519 00	114	49	
Lehigh,	20	53	10308	6519	1022	7	628	195	8340	141	4	422	93	6504	11	4838 00	37435 00	476	445		
Total,	206	450	71871	43031	5595	401	4108	1368	59083	700	6	318	2305	45713	47	\$45706 00	\$282916 00	1651	742		
Synod of Ohio, -	145	283	18901	6802	771	339	991	627	15963	419	12	276	311	17181	20	10783 00	80141 00				
Ger., Synod, North West,	113	157	13672	10877	1228	19	857	979	10743	141	13	260	292	134	8069	35	12617 00	60865 00			
Synod of Pittsburgh, -	57	130	12674	5665	839	48	667	464	10723	272	167	245	100	7907	13	11076 00	54393 00				
Synod of the Potomac,	140	287	28084	19067	1946	268	1432	866	24265	518	1	161	660	238	18191	23	29969 00	143554 00			
Synod of the East,	45	41	10831	4765	1929	22	772	719	8368	42	1	154	441	43	7503	6	6978 00	59335 00			
Central Synod, -	74	119	15916	10896	1219	38	929	535	12509	223	26	210	391	103	9440	20	10156 00	66530 00			
Total, 7 Dist Synods,	780	1467	172949	106093	13527	1135	9746	5558	141654	2315	59	1546	4645	1361	114004	164	\$127,284 00	\$747,724 00.			

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, held in Mifflinburg, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-five. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the Fourteenth and continued until nine o'clock in the evening of the Nineteenth, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

Synod convened, according to adjournment, in St. John's Reformed Church, Mifflinburg, Pa., on Wednesday, October 14, 1885, at 7.30 p. m. The Session was opened with divine service and the sermon was preached by Rev. I. K. Loos, D.D., from the text recorded—St. Matt. 16: 13-17.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST PENNA.

Ministers: Harry M. Kieffer,² T. O. Stem,² I. K. Loos, D.D., J. J. Crist, H. K. Binkley.

Elders: Jacob Rader, John Gemmel, John Weber,² John A. Singer.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers: George Wolff, D.D., F. W. Kremer, D.D., L. D. Stambaugh,² H. J. Welker.²

Elders: David S. Raber, Percival B. Edris.²

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers: J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.,² D. E. Klopp, D.D., John H. Sechler, Charles G. Fisher² and David Van Horne, D.D.

Elders: J. Harry Buckingham, Robert Patterson,⁴ Jones Detweiler, Daniel Hoffman,² Abram Schwenk.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers: Stephen Schweitzer,² Samuel M. Roeder,² William H. H. Snyder, Joseph B. Shumaker, D.D.

Elders: Isaac Bushong, Jacob E. Ranck, William H. Seibert, George W. Hensel.²

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers : F. C. Yost,² W. G. Engle, John A. Peters, S. Sidney Kohler.

Elders : D. Clinger,³ T. D. Strauss,⁴ H. F. Troutman,² Isaac Daniel and George Hill.⁴

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers : Z. A. Yearick,² David O. Shoemaker and John F. DeLong.³

Elders : E. B. Kramm,² John H. Keller and William Moyer.

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers : L. K. Evans ⁴ and Charles S. Wieand.

Elders : James M. High ⁴ and Ezra Griesimer.⁴

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

Ministers : F. J. Mohr, L. C. Edmonds ² and B. B. Ferer.⁴

Elders : Henry C. Hartzell, William H. Fuhr² and William Hunt.

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

Ministers : N. S. Strassburger and J. H. Leinbach.⁴⁴

Elders : Thomas F. Butz, F. P. Mickley, R. H. Kramm and Lewis Hermony.

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF SCHUYLKILL.

Ministers : G. A. Zellers, H. A. Keyser and O. H. Strunck.

Elders : Peter Burkey,² John F. Orth ² and Daniel Shepp.²

The figure at the end of the name indicates the day of the sessions on which the delegate took his seat.

The letters in their order indicate the days on which the delegates obtained leave of absence.

On the 4th day Rev. N. Z. Snyder, secundus, took the place of Rev. B. B. Ferer and on the 3d day Dr. F. W. Vandersloot took the seat of Elder E. B. Kramm.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following members were present during one or more of the sessions :

From Lebanon Classis.—Revs. J. C. Bucher, D.D., D. B. Albright and T. S. Johnston, D.D.

From Phila. Classis.—Revs. P. S. Davis, D.D., Geo. H. Johnston and Elder H. C. Hoover.

From Lancaster Classis.—Revs. Theodore Appel, D.D., E. V. Gerhart, D.D.

From E. Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. George B. Dechant, Thomas J. Hacker, G. P. Hartzell, J. C. Leinbach and Hon. D. Willers.

From W. Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. William H. Groh, William W. Clouser, William A. Haas, William M. Landis, A. C. Whitmer, R. Leighton Gerhart, S. Penrose Brown, Newton J. Miller, George W. Gerhard, Daniel H. Leader, Thomas S. Land, T. R. Deitz and Dr. Charles H. Gutelius.

From Tohickon Classis.—Rev. J. M. Hartzel.

From Synod of Potomac.—Revs. J. O. Miller, D.D., E. R. Eahbach, D.D., and Elder Jacob Heyser.

From Synod of Pittsburgh.—Rev. J. W. Love.

OTHER CHURCHES.

From the Lutheran Church.—Revs. J. G. Anspach, J. A. Earnest, S. G. Finckel.

From the Presbyterian Church.—Rev. W. T. L. Kieffer.

From the Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. A. M. Barnitz.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John A. Peters, of Danville, was chosen President.

Rev. Oliver H. Strunck, of Schuylkill Haven, was elected Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. John P. Stein, of Millersville, is Stated Clerk.

Elder John Meily was re-elected Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order were read by the Stated Clerk. The bar of the house was defined to be to the ninth pew from the chancel.

It was resolved that the sessions of Synod open at 9 A.M. and 2 P.M., and close at 11.30 A.M. and 5 P.M.

An evening session was held on Monday from 7 to 9 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following standing committees :

1. *Minutes of Synod*.—Revs. D. E. Klopp, D.D., W. G. Engle, B. B. Ferer, Elders Jas. M. High, Lewis Hermony.
2. *Overtures*.—Revs. Z. A. Yearick, H. J. Welker, Jno. J. Crist, Elders John Gemmel, Isaac Daniel.
3. *Religious Services*.—Revs. D. O. Shoemaker, A. C. Whitmer, S. M. Roeder.
4. *Minutes*.—Revs. Jno. H. Sechler, O. H. Strunck, S. S. Kohler, Elders J. H. Buckingham and Isaac Bushong.
5. *Examination, Licensure and Ordination*.—Revs. D. Van Horne, D.D., Geo. Wolff, D.D., J. B. Shumaker, D.D., Elders Dr. F. W. Vandersloot and Thos. F. Butz.
6. *State of Religion and Statistics*.—Revs. Isaac K. Loos, D.D., F. W. Kremer, D.D., L. C. Edmonds, Elders Jones Detweiler and R. H. Kramm.
7. *Theological Seminary*.—Revs. Wm. H. H. Snyder, H. A. Keyser, G. A. Zellers, Elders Wm. Moyer and David S. Raber.
8. *Missions*.—Revs. H. M. Kieffer, F. J. Mohr, Chas. S. Wieand, Elders, Wm. H. Seibert, John H. Keller.
9. *Finance*.—Revs. N. S. Strassburger, L. D. Stambaugh, F. C. Yost, Elders F. P. Mickley, Ezra Griesimer.
10. *Nominations*.—Revs. Jno. F. DeLong, O. H. Strunck, H. A. Keyser, Elders Henry C. Hartzell, Jacob E. Ranck.
11. *Publication*.—Revs. F. J. Mohr, I. K. Loos, D.D., H. K. Binkley, Elders Abram Schwenk, Wm. Hunt.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh and Schuylkill were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and of the Board

of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, also the Annual Report of the Board of Education, were received, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

Communications were received from the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College and the Trustees of Synod, which were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions, the Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board, and a letter from the President of the Tri-Synodic Board were referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Letters were received from the stated clerks of the Synod of Pittsburgh and of the Synod of the Potomac, which were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Other communications were received and handed to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

A printed copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual sessions of this Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on the Minutes of Synod, to report the items claiming the attention of this body. The report was offered on Thursday. It was taken up item by item and adopted as a whole. The report reads as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod begs to report the following items which seem to require attention:

Item 1, p. 24 and 25. The appointment of a committee on the endowment of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

Item 2, p. 51. The Classes urged to make increased efforts to cultivate a greater missionary spirit.

Item 3, p. 51. Classes, consistories, and congregations are urged to remember Foreign Missions.

Item 4, p. 57. Synod authorized and directed to organize the "Classis of Schuylkill."

Item 5, p. 58. Synod instructs the Goshenhoppen Classis to reconsider its action and recognize St. Stephen's congregation at Pottstown.

Item 6, p. 64. Synod authorized the Board of Publication to give a mortgage in lieu of one then existing.

Item 7, p. 64. Board of Publication authorized to put the publication interests into private hands.

Item 8, p. 65. Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., appointed to communicate the action of this Synod to the Synod of the Potomac.

Item 9, p. 67. Committee on founding of a home for aged and infirm persons was continued.

Item 10, p. 65. Stated clerk directed to publish a certain number of copies of the Minutes of Synod.

Item 11, p. 70. Stated clerk instructed to inform Trustees of Synod the matter of annually presenting two nominees for election to the Board.

Item 12, p. 50. Delinquent Classes instructed to make speedy payment.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. KLOPP, *Chairman.*

The following items 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, were reported as having been attended to. For the action on Item 1, see Art. XIII. Theological Seminary; on Items 6 and 7, see Art. XIX. on Publication; on Item 12, see Art. XV. on Finance; Item 9, no report; item 11, not attended to.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report. It was taken up item by item and adopted.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee on Overtures respectfully reports that the following documents were placed into its hands:

1. A copy of the Acts and Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Sessions of the Potomac Synod.

2. A report of the President and Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home.

3. A letter from R. A. Van Court, and a petition from the Boyertown charge asking for his restoration to the Christian ministry.

4. A complaint of Rev. George A. Zellers against the Classis of Lebanon concerning the withholding of part of the support promised the beneficiary student, Mr. George A. Luckenbill.

5. A request from the delegate ministers and elders of Lebanon Classis concerning the difficulty in the St. Paul's (Klopp's) Reformed Church.

6. A copy of Dr. J. H. Dubbe's Historical Manual of the Reformed Church in the United States.

7. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

8. The Secretary of the Board of Home Missions informs Synod that the term of office of the members of the Board, elected by this Synod, expires at its present annual meeting.

9. Two copies of the catalogue of Ursinus College for the year 1884-85; also three copies of the Register of Franklin and Marshall College, and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for the same year.

10. A request of the delegates of East Pennsylvania Classis that Synod more specifically define the action taken at Bellefonte relating to apportionments for benevolent purposes.

11. Letters from the stated clerks of Synod of Pittsburgh and of the Synod of Potomac suggesting its candidates for re-election on the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted.

Z. A. YEABICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on Items 2, 6, 9, see Art. XXI. Miscellaneous; on Items 3 and 5, see Art. XVI. Appeals and References; on Item 4, see Art. XVII. Complaints; on Item 10, see Art. XX. Church Government; Items 1, 7, 8 and 11 were referred to Committee on Nomination.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the sessions of Synod were opened and closed with religious services. The committee on this subject reported the following order of services, which was adopted, and the persons designated filled their respective appointments:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to submit the following appointments:

Thursday Evening—Ordination and farewell services of Licentiate W. E. Hoy.

Whereas the committee appointed by the West Susquehanna Classis to ordain the Licentiate W. E. Hoy have made arrangements to attend to the duty assigned them in connection with this meeting of Synod, your committee would respectfully ask that this evening be granted for this purpose, and would submit the following programme for your adoption:

Opening services by Rev. R. L. Gerhart; Sermon by Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D.; Ordination services by Rev. A. C. Whitmer; Installation services by Rev. D. Van Horne; Address by Rev. W. E. Hoy; Address by Rev. A. C. Whitmer; Closing services by Rev. T. R. Dietz.

Friday Evening Services—Home Missionary Service. 1. Rev. W. H. H.

Snyder shall preside and conduct the services. 2. Addresses of fifteen minutes each by Revs. J. H. Sechler, T. Appel, D.D., and O. H. Strunck, to be followed by impromptu remarks.

Saturday Afternoon—PREPARATORY SERVICES. Sermon by N. Z. Snyder.

Saturday Evening—Address by Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., on the Relation of the Reformed Church in Europe to the Reformed Church in General.

Sunday Morning—COMMUNION SERVICES. Sermon by Rev. H. M. Kieffer; Sunday-school services at 8 P. M.; Addresses by Revs. D. B. Albright, Elder William H. Seibert and O. H. Strunck.

Sunday Evening—Sermon by W. H. H. Snyder.

Laurelton—Sermon by Rev. J. P. Stein.

Dreibach—Sermon by Rev. G. H. Johnson.

Mifflinburg Presbyterian Church—Sermon by Rev. J. B. Shoemaker, D.D.

Buffalo Presbyterian Church—Sermon by Rev. J. F. DeLong.

Lutheran Church—Morning. Sermon by F. W. Kremer, D.D.

" " Evening. Sermon by D. E. Klopp, D.D.

Methodist Church—Morning. Sermon by F. J. Mohr.

" " Evening. Sermon by O. H. Strunck.

Respectfully submitted,

D. O. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted its report. It was read, acted on item by item, and adopted as a whole.

The report reads as follows:

The Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to submit the following report:

I. Irregularities.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis incorrectly pages its Minutes.
2. Lebanon Classis fails to give page in case of every item in those reports of Standing Committees which require paging.
3. Lebanon Classis fails to name the church in which the next annual meeting will be held, p. 18.
4. The Classes—Lancaster, West Susquehanna and Goshenhoppen—severally, include in the reports submitted by their Standing Committees the actions taken on the items.
5. Lancaster Classis gives the reports of its Standing Committees, except in case of the reports on Missions and Finance, without appending names of committee.
6. Lancaster Classis fails to give State or County in which place of meeting is located, p. 40.

7. East Susquehanna Classis, in inserting items in a call for a Special Meeting, fails to observe the time required by the Constitution that must intervene between the Call and the Meeting, p. 6.

8. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to give Synodical relation of San Francisco Classis, p. 3.

9. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to give page in case of every item in those reports of Standing Committees which require paging.

10. Goshenhoppen Classis holds what it terms an Adjourned Special Meeting of Classis without any previous recorded provision for such Meeting p. 25.

11. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to state the place of Meeting in a call for a Special Meeting, p. 26.

12. Goshenhoppen Classis gives the reports of its Standing Committees, except in the case of the report of the Finance Committee, without appending names of Committee.

13. Tohickon Classis fails to state the judicatory in notice of appeal, p. 9.

14. Lehigh Classis fails to give the Synodical relation of a Classis in an item of a call for a Special Meeting, p. 8.

II. Requests, References, etc.

1. East Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to relieve it of \$400 apportionment for Home Missions, p. 35.

2. East Susquehanna Classis overtures Synod for a deliverance on the observance of "Children's Day" in the interest of the Sunday-School cause, p. 44.

III. Appeals and Complaints.

1. Rev. J. M. Hartzel gives notice to Tohickon Classis of appeal to Synod, p. 52.

IV. Subjects Referred to Classes.

All the Classes adopted the apportionments made upon them and the various recommendations of Synod affecting Classes and pastoral charges with the following exceptions:

1. East Pennsylvania Classis claims a less arrearage on the Gelbach Claim than that reported by Synod, p. 28.

2. Lancaster Classis resolved that it deserves no censure from Synod for not attaching its seal to the copy of its Minutes in 1884, for the reason that the Classis then had no seal, p. 81.

3. East Susquehanna Classis claims to have been virtually excused by Synod from its share of indebtedness to the Washington Chapel Fund, p. 42.

4. West Susquehanna Classis apportions \$750 for Home Missions instead of \$882.17, the amount apportioned upon it by Synod, p. 82.

5. West Susquehanna Classis acknowledges arrearage of \$36.06 to Washington Chapel Fund, instead of an arrearage of \$52.50, reported in Minutes of Synod for 1884, p. 39.

6. Goshenhoppen Classis claims a balance of \$91.50 due by it to Washington

Chapel Fund, whereas Synod declares the Classis in arrears \$449 on said fund, pp. 11, 16.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis claims that it is not in arrears on the Gelbach Claim, p. 12.

V. Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismissal.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis ordained Licentiate H. K. Binkley; received Rev. H. M. Kieffer from Philadelphia Classis; dismissed Rev. M. H. Mishler to Lebanon Classis.

2. Lebanon Classis received Rev. M. H. Mishler from East Pennsylvania Classis; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer and Rev. O. H. Strunck from East Susquehanna Classis; Rev. George B. Resser from Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac; Dismissed Rev. W. M. Reilly, Ph.D., to Lehigh Classis; Rev. J. O. Johnson to Philadelphia Classis; Rev. B. S. Metzgar to Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburg. Dismissed the following-named brethren to organize and constitute Schuylkill Classis: Revs. A. S. Leinbach, Jacob Klein, C. F. McCauley, D.D., B. Bausman, D.D., H. A. Keyser, F. W. Dechant, Henry Leisse, H. Mosser, J. W. Steinmetz, A. R. Bartholomew, J. J. Fisher, P. Y. Schelley, W. Donat, L. D. Steckel, J. A. Reber, G. W. Stibitz, C. S. Gerhard, G. A. Zellers, S. A. Leinbach, O. H. Strunck.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed Mr. B. F. Davis; received Licentiate S. U. Snyder from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. J. O. Johnson from Lebanon Classis; dismissed Rev. A. B. Stoner to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac.

4. Lancaster Classis licensed Mr. Warren J. Johnson; received Rev. A. J. Olinger from the Reformed Church of France; Rev. J. M. Titzel, D.D., from Juniata Classis, Synod of Potomac; dismissed Licentiate T. G. DeLyre to Portland-Oregon Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev. S. B. Schafer to Carlisle Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev. J. A. Peters to East Susquehanna Classis.

5. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. J. A. Peters from Lancaster Classis; dismissed Rev. O. H. Strunck to Lebanon Classis; Rev. T. S. Land to West Susquehanna Classis; Rev. J. J. Rothrock to Tohickon Classis; Rev. W. Donat to Schuylkill Classis.

6. West Susquehanna Classis licensed Mr. Wm. E. Hoy; received Rev. T. S. Land from East Susquehanna Classis.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis dismissed Rev. L. C. Edmonds to Tohickon Classis; Rev. L. D. Leberman to San Francisco Classis, Synod of Potomac.

8. Tohickon Classis received Rev. J. J. Rothrock from East Susquehanna Classis; Rev. L. C. Edmonds from Goshenhoppen Classis; Rev. B. B. Forer from Westmoreland Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh.

9. Lehigh Classis licensed Mr. Thomas S. Yundt; received Rev. W. M. Reilly, Ph.D., from Lebanon Classis; Rev. G. W. Stibitz from Schuylkill Classis; Rev. A. P. Horn from North Carolina Classis, Synod of Potomac.

10. Schuylkill Classis received Rev. W. Donat from East Susquehanna Classis; dismissed Rev. G. W. Stibitz to Lehigh Classis.

VI. Miscellaneous.

Schuylkill Classis was formally organized according to direction of Synod, with the following-named ministers as members: Revs. A. S. Leinbach, Jacob Klein, C. F. McCauley, D.D., B. Bausman, D.D., H. A. Keyser, F. W. Dechant, Henry Leisse, H. Mosser, J. W. Steinmetz, A. R. Bartholomew, J. J. Fisher, P. Y. Schelley, W. Donat, L. D. Steckel, J. A. Reber, G. W. Stibitz, C. S. Gerhard, G. A. Zellers, S. A. Leinbach, O. H. Strunk.

VII. Place and Time of Meeting.

1. *East Pennsylvania Classis* will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Bangor, Northampton County, Pa., Friday, May 21st, 1886, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. E. Smith, *President*; Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk*.

2. *Lebanon Classis* will meet in Jonestown, Lebanon, County, Pa., First Thursday after Whitsunday, 1886, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. Tobias Kessler, *President*; Rev. J. E. Hiester, D.D., *Stated Clerk*.

3. *Philadelphia Classis* will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Norristown, Pa., First Thursday in June, 1886, at 8 P. M. Rev. D. W. Ebbert, *President*; Rev. J. H. Sechler, *Stated Clerk*.

4. *Lancaster Classis* will meet in Zion's Church, Marietta, Thursday after Whitsunday, 1886, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. M. Souder, *President*; Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*.

5. *East Susquehanna Classis* will meet in Christ Reformed Church, Conyngham, Luzerne County, Pa., last Wednesday in May, 1886, at 2 P. M. Rev. J. B. Kerschner, *President*; Rev. S. Sidney Kohler, *Stated Clerk*.

6. *West Susquehanna Classis* will meet in St. Peter's Reformed Church, Aaronburg, Centre County, Pa., Third Wednesday in May, 1886, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. W. H. Groh, *President*; Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

7. *Goshenhoppen Classis* will meet in the Reformed Church, Pennsburg, Montgomery County, Pa., Friday before Ascension Day, 1886, at 2 P. M. Rev. C. S. Wieand, *President*; Rev. L. J. Mayer, *Stated Clerk*.

8. *Tohickon Classis* will meet in St. Luke's Reformed Church, Nockamixon, Bucks County, Pa., Friday after Ascension Day, June 4, 1886, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. F. J. Mohr, *President*; Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

9. *Lehigh Classis* will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Slatington, Lehigh County, Pa., Tuesday, May 25, 1886, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. John H. Leinbach, *President*; Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

10. *Schuylkill Classis* will meet in First Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., First Thursday after Whitsunday, June 17, 1886, at 7.45 P. M. Rev. H. A. Keyser, *President*; Rev. J. Alvin Reber, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. SECHLER, *Chairman*.

The several items reported as irregularities were approved. II. Requests and References: 1st item, adopted; on 2d item (see Art-

icle XXI., Miscellaneous. III. Appeals (see Article XVI., Appeals). IV. Subjects referred were adopted. For further action on items 1, 3, 6 and 7, see Article XV., Finance. The items under the V., VI. and VII. general heads were all adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The following report was received from the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, beg leave respectfully to report that no application for Examination has been received, nor has there been any other business referred to us.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report was received from the Committee on the State of the Church—read and adopted:

Fathers and Brethren :—Your Committee on the State of Religion and Morals respectfully submit the following report :

Grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

The Classical reports placed in our hands show clearly the operation of the three great life-powers confessed in the Apostolic benediction. All our blessings flowing from the onward movement of the Church are here justly attributed to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the superhuman power that makes itself felt everywhere, and must be gratefully acknowledged, not only by the individual Christian, but by every corporate ecclesiastical existence from the consistory to the highest judicatory of the Church. And that is not a mere idea or affection or passion or influence, but stands before us revealed in the Person of our Divine-human Lord and Saviour. That which we have seen and heard of the Word of life declare we unto you.

The Head of His Church is in closest union with His body, and in that lies the hope of the world. He was and is and is to come. That binds us firmly to the past, gives confidence for the present and hope for the future. Messiah is King. Our ministers preach *Him* in the highways and hedges, in hut and palace, and the ears of thousands gladly welcome the sound, and with heart and voice and hands, in their homes and churches, adore and serve their Lord in newness of heart. To such the Gospel is not an empty sound. It tells not

merely of an existing life, but presents a living, personal Redeemer who is that Life—who says : “My words, they are spirit and they are life.” Such do the members of the Reformed Church in the bounds of this Synod, find the Word that is steadily preached and truly followed. In all parts of our territory worshippers go gladly to the house of the Lord, and receive from the lips of the minister the truth as it is in Jesus. Fruits of piety abound. New churches are built, old ones repaired and remodeled, church debts liquidated, backstanding salaries paid, Sunday-Schools are prospering and the sacraments regularly administered and duly used by most of the members of the Church. The Sun is shining into many hearts, that find it good to be on the side of Christ, and thus in His Church. They bask in the light of His countenance, and in His service find their highest freedom and their purest joy. Christ is all in all to them. United with Him, they partake of His life, and for His cause are willing to labor and deny themselves. The members of our congregations are industrious and economical—diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. They have acquired considerable wealth. And the reports show that they begin to do more than this. They daily experience the blessedness of receiving—now they are rising to a higher grade, and learn that it is *more blessed to give*—to give the Lord's portion unto the Lord. We read of legacies and donations that have been made and of others that are coming. God calls upon the rich that they be “rich in good works,” and “do good” and lay up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come. They are invited to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, visit the sick, care for widows and orphans in His name. “They have done it,” says the Lord “unto me.” These glorious alms-deeds are a promise of better things to come. The benevolent Funds, Colleges and Seminaries, Orphans' Homes, Home and Foreign Missions, Beneficiary Education, etc., are the Lord's open hands in which the benevolent place what they are willing to give to Him. This Synod rejoices in this feature of our Church work—a service, which it is well to keep prominently in view whenever pastors admonish God's people to “do good.” True godliness and true benevolence go hand in hand.—*The Mission work* is making rapid strides in our congregations. Faith in it and courage in its behalf manifest themselves on all hands. The cause is the Lord's. In the light of the New Testament history, the Church sees openings in large cities, and bravely enters them. The Lord so directs. He so directed the Apostolic Church. While the Gospel was at work among the Jews we find that Jerusalem forms the central point of Christian life; when it advances to the boundaries of the heathen and Jewish world, Antioch becomes the centre of activity; and finally it gains a firm footing in the greatest city of heathendom, in Rome itself, and thus the victory of the Gospel over the Gentile world is declared.—Some one says: “The English found a colony by building a tavern; the French, by building a fort.” Surely, our Reformed Fathers, coming from the Palatinate of Germany began their new settlements in this land by building *churches*, and, in their shadow, *school-houses*, in both of which the God of the poor settlers was honored and wor-

shipped. That is still the Reformed practice in extending the Redeemer's kingdom. We still begin by building a chapel or church, where people may assemble and worship the Lord. The work widens—the field is the world. The Reformed Church now stretches from ocean to ocean. The harvest is ripe. O Lord, send forth men to gather in the sheaves!

We, as a Synod, rejoice that we have schools where to educate young candidates for the ministry. A voice is heard calling for pastors. We need men for the work—pious, talented young Samuels to listen in the depth of their souls, whether it is Eli or the Lord that calls them by name. The Master has need of them in His church, and wants many to answer: Lo, here am I. Send me. That Missions have been well sustained by our people is cause of sincere gratitude to God. More still can be done, and will be. We have evidence of this in the organization of missionary societies, among old and young, and in the increased offerings for this blessed cause—a revival of the missionary spirit which is noticeable in all the churches.

The ministers are spoken of, in the reports, as active and zealous in their divine calling, laboring earnestly for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom. Christ is faithfully preached—the Church-festivals are faithfully observed. The sacraments are allowed to have their proper place in the economy of Redemption. The various objects of benevolence are held up to the people as deserving of their Christian love. That some of these should occasionally experience an ebb and flow in the pecuniary support afforded them, is perhaps to be expected; but we should guard well against onesidedness in any one particular direction. One Classis says: "The cause of Orphans has received less attention" than formerly. Such decrease in attention may denote at least partial failure in the support of one of the interests of the kingdom. All benevolent causes recommended by Synod are good—all should receive ample support. The fatherless surely cannot be safely overlooked by any pastoral charge in the distribution of its alms. Our Church is justly proud of its Homes for the orphans, and the one in the bounds of this Synod properly lies near our hearts and hands, to receive our love and help.

The educational institutions of the Church at Lancaster, Collegeville, Myers-town and Allentown are also evidences of Reformed Church life and piety—memorials of the good disposition of Christian men toward Christian Education. Founded for the training of young men and ladies for usefulness in the family the world and the Church, they deserve still greater favor in the future than they have received in the past. Pray for the Colleges, and let many students and enlarged contributions be sent to them. Let them live and prosper, and help to make glad the city of God. "Worthy of great respect are those Christian men and women, who, by will or bequest, dedicate and give some of the wealth God has given them to found and endow and equip such literary and theological schools of learning; and we note with particular satisfaction and commendation that some of our people have made, and others are intending to make such noble and useful disposition of their earthly possessions, thereby

erecting for themselves enduring monuments in the good done and in the memory of succeeding generations."

But not all is as it should be in the Church. The Christian life has its hindrances. The corruption of our nature is seen on all hands. The thorn and the thistle often grow in uncomfortable nearness to the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley. Satan still strives to erect his temples alongside of the houses of God. The good work of Christ's ambassadors is seriously opposed. The Philistine is yet in the land. There are still many Alexanders, who, like their prototype, the coppersmith of St. Paul's day, withstand the words of the minister and do them and their work much harm. It is sad that such men rarely stand alone for any length of time. Hymeneus soon associates with the man who makes shipwreck of his faith. Sad, that persons once active in the Church should allow themselves to be shorn of their strength and, under the power of Satan, be taught to grind in the prison-house of sin. The champion of Israel may become the drudge and sport of the Philistines.

" Ask for the great deliverer now, and find him
Eyeless at Gaza, at the mill with slaves."

A minister has a happy life, but a busy life—full of much hard work. Is he not the Lord's messenger? His servant? His fisher of men? His ambassador? A laborer in His vineyard? The shepherd of His sheep and lambs and lambskins? Do not these several characters, represented by one and the same person, imply work, responsibility, watchfulness, care? Who is sufficient for these things? The holy office once filled a Saviour's heart and a Saviour's hands. *He* is with you; His grace is sufficient for thee. There are men who, if they see no high movement on earth, hear no thunders and see no stir in the heavens, feel sick. Let such reflect. The kingdom of heaven is not for eye or ear—not "here," nor "there;" not for this age or that, merely, but for history. And if at times it seems to move slowly, we must remember that it sometimes moves in a spiral—not always in a straight—line. We have reason to take courage therefore. Christ offers the world bread, not a stone; fish, not a serpent. His life in men is a better religion than the nations now have or ever had. For heathen virtues the Church has graces; for their heroes, we have martyrs; for their Caesar, we have a Christ on the cross. He always was, is now, the never-failing fountain of blessedness and immortality. The supply grows not less—"always the same," the Old Fathers used to say. The area of Christianity, as a life, is just what it was in the time of the Apostles. It includes and excludes what it included and excluded then. Jesus now has the same life and blessings He had eighteen centuries ago—the same He offered to our fathers, offers to us, and will offer to our children—the gold ring and chain, the new robe and fatted calf, and the music and dancing when the prodigal comes home. And it is a blessed work to tell the nations of that Home and the loving Father waiting for them there.—But while we love our calling and the brethren who toil by our side and the Master who assigned it

to us—let us not here forget those who this year have been received into rest. The Lancaster Classis reports the death of Rev. John G. Fritchey—who is described as a Father in Israel, venerable for his age and piety and works; a man of dauntless courage, heroic endurance and great activity. Philadelphia Classis laments the death of the aged and esteemed Rev. J. Knipe, who, after years of faithful service in the Lord's cause, has passed to his eternal reward. One brother was recently and suddenly called from his work in East Susquehanna Classis to the Church on high, to whom we gladly listened as he preached to us at the Synod of last year. Rev. J. K. Millet was a delegate primarius to this Synod. His name stands at the head of this delegation but he answers no more the roll-call of the Church on earth. May he rest in peace, and the God of the widow and the fatherless have his bereaved family in His holy keeping. We sadly weave the first strands of the wreath which his Classis and this Synod will next year complete and lay on his grave. Watch in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 2 Tim. 4: 5.

Here we rest. The trials and cares of another year are added to its history. The record is made. To Christ be the praise of our salvation.

“He fainteth not; He faileth never.
So rest in Him, to-day—forever.” Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC K. LOOS, *Chairman.*

For Statistical Report see Appendix.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

(a) *Report of Board of Trustees.*

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.:

Brethren,—The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary respectfully submit the following report:

We have held our usual meetings during the year and transacted the routine business of the board. We desire to call the attention of Synod to the following items:

1st. You will notice by the report of the Treasurer, which accompanies this paper, that the contributions for the “relief fund” have fallen off very much during the current year, the aggregate for the year being about \$275 against \$1662 11-100 for the preceding year.

2d. Another matter requires the special attention of the Synods. The property of the Seminary needs some expensive repairs. The homes erected in 1871

ought to be repainted, especially the entire exterior wood-work. The fencing of the Seminary grounds has been standing for more than thirty years and is now going to pieces. Within a year or two it must be rebuilt, though some of the old material may again be used. A number of other things might be named that demand attention without delay, but it is not necessary that in this report we should enter into all the details. It is enough for us to state that the necessity of making a number of repairs is upon us, without taking into account improvements, otherwise the property of the church will sustain serious losses. These matters would have been attended to before this time, but the income from the endowment and other funds, and from the relief collections, have not justified the board in incurring these expenses.

We submit, therefore, to the earnest consideration of the Synods, this proposition; that the three Synods raise annually, for the next ensuing two years, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) for the purpose of meeting the annual deficit in the regular expenditures, and of supplying the money needed to make necessary repairs.

We take the liberty also to propose that of this total the Synod of the U. S. engage to pay annually for two years, five hundred and fifty dollars; the Synod of the Potomac, three hundred dollars, and the Pittsburgh Synod, one hundred and fifty dollars; and further, that each Synod apportion the amount assumed among its classes, earnestly requesting them, as soon as practicable, to pay the amounts apportioned to the treasurer of the Seminary.

We refrain from argument in support of the proposition which we have respectfully submitted. A little reflection will convince all that the work which we, the guardians of the property of the Church, desire to perform, is indispensable. The funds required will prove but a very light burden when distributed among the pastoral charges of the three Synods.

The sum named, one thousand dollars, annually for two years, is designed, during that time, to furnish enough for the "relief fund" and for the needed repairs to the property.

We earnestly request Synods to give this matter their attention, and to urge upon Classes the necessity of a liberal response to meet these wants. If the needs of the Seminary are made known to the people by the pastors, we feel satisfied that they will respond promptly and willingly.

We present with this paper the annual report of the Treasurer, which will explain itself. It shows that even with our limited resources, your board has managed thus far to carry forward the financial affairs of the institution without serious embarrassment.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

EDWARD J. ZAHM, *Secretary.*

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1884.		DR.	
Oct. 1.	1.	For balance due per account rendered	\$ 842 86
" 2.	2.	" " " on Quarryville Bank Stock	8 00
" 2.	2.	" Interest S. M. Keen to Oct. 1, '84	75 00
" 4.	4.	" " Jacob Heyser on account	37 50
" 4.	4.	" " Kieffer legacy	237 50
" 7.	7.	" " Newton Groff to Oct. 1, '84	80 00
" 10.	10.	" " J. P. Mayer to Oct. 1, '84	90 00
" 27.	27.	" " Urban & Burger to Oct. 1, '84	105 00
Nov. 1.	1.	" " Killough Mortgage to Nov. 1, '84	75 00
" 8.	8.	" " St. Stephen's Chapel to Oct. 29, '84	42 00
" 14.	14.	" " W. H. Riner to Oct. 1, '84	30 00
" 29.	29.	" " L. P. Titus to Oct. 1, '84	9 00
Dec. 11.	11.	" " George Sarbaugh to Oct. 1, '84	90 00
1885.			
Jan. 15.	15.	" " Lane & Co. to Feb. 1, '85	190 00
" 21.	21.	" " Allemannia Fire Ins. Co. to Jan. 1, '85	40 00
Feb. 2.	2.	" " Tobias Royer to Feb. 1, '85	15 00
" 7.	7.	" " Loan	2 90
" 13.	13.	" " Geo. W. Schroyer to Feb. 8, '85	105 00
" 13.	13.	" " E. S. Stehman to Feb. 8, '85	15 00
Mar. 2.	2.	" " John Becker to Feb. 28, '85	240 00
" 30.	30.	" " A. M. Steacy to June 12, '85	48 00
" 31.	31.	" " Urban & Burger to April 1, '85	105 00
Apr. 1.	1.	" " S. M. Keen to April 1, '85	75 00
" 3.	3.	" " Houseworth Mort. to April 1, '85	45 00
" 3.	3.	" " L. P. Titus to April 1, '85	9 00
" 3.	3.	" " W. H. Riner to April 1, '85	80 00
" 3.	3.	" " Jacob Heyser on account	75 00
" 4.	4.	" " Kieffer legacy to April 1, '85	237 50
" 4.	4.	" " J. P. Mayer to April 1, '85	90 00
" 6.	6.	" " Newton Groff to April 1, '85	30 00
" 15.	15.	" " Geo. Sarbaugh to April 1, '85	90 00
" 19.	19.	" " John Kepner to April 1, '85	126 00
" 23.	23.	" " G. M. Zahm to May 12, '85	18 00
" 30.	30.	" " J. Robinson to April 25, '85	60 00
May 2.	2.	" " Carlisle Classis to May 1, '85	17 28
" 2.	2.	" " Loan	47
" 2.	2.	" " E. M. Killough to May 1, '85	75 00
" 4.	4.	" " Zion's Classis to May 1, '85	23 22
" 8.	8.	" " P. M. Ermantrout to April 1, '85	270 00

May 12.	For	Interest W. Susq. Classis on account.	10 28
" 18.	"	" C. Gerter in full	8 42
" 31.	"	" Edw. J. Zahm on account	150 00
June 6.	"	" Juniata Classis to July 1, '85.	30 00
" 16.	"	" Tobias Royer to August 1, '85.	15 00
" 27.	"	" Gettysburg Classis in full.	53 64
July 3.	"	" E. G. Smith in full.	24 00
" 3.	"	" Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds to June 1, '85	300 00
" 9.	"	" Harrisburg Bridge Co. to July 1, '85.	5 60
" 27.	"	" J. B. Roth to April 1, '85.	180 00
" 27.	"	" Lane & Co. to Aug. 1, '85.	60 00
" 27.	"	" Mercersburg Classis to July 1, '85.	30 00
Aug. 1.	"	" Edw. J. Zahm to April 1, '85.	178 29
" 6.	"	" Geo. W. Schroyer to Aug. 8, '85.	105 00
" 8.	"	" Lebanon Classis to July 1, '85.	15 00
" 11.	"	" Schuylkill Classis to July 1, '85.	15 00
" 11.	"	" Jacob Heyser on account.	75 00
" 13.	"	" G. S. Griffith to Jan. 1, '85.	30 00
" 23.	"	" John Becker to Aug. 28, '85.	240 00
Sept. 1.	"	" E. S. Stehman to Aug. 8, '85.	15 00
" 10.	"	" Lehigh Classis to Oct. 1, '85.	15 00
" 15.	"	" Thos. G. Apple, D.D., to July 4, '85.	12 00
Aug. 30.	"	" Adam Keen to Oct. 1, '85.	30 00
Sept. 23.	"	" W. Susq. Classis on account	5 25
" 25.	"	" W. L. Harbaugh on account	36 00
" 26.	"	" F. Schaum Mort. to Oct. 1, '85.	30 00
" 29.	"	" Mercersburg Classis per Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick.	75
" 30.	"	" Houseworth Mort. to Oct. 1, '85.	45 00
" 30.	"	" Amount of Aid Fund transferred	269 07

\$5,181.96

1884.

Cr.

Oct. 4.	By	Bills paid and P. O. Stamps	\$ 5 00
" 24.	"	" F. A. Gast, D. D., on salary.	150 00
Nov. 10.	"	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., on salary	200 00
" 10.	"	" T. G. Apple, " "	200 00
Dec. 11.	"	" T. G. Apple, " January 1, '85	175 00
" 11.	"	" E. V. Gerhart, " " 11, '85	175 00
" 11.	"	" F. A. Gast, " " 1, '85	100 00
" 31.	"	" Bill, Apple & McKinstry	2 64

1885.

Jan. 21.	"	Stoner, Shreiner & Co. bill	30 38
Feb. 11.	"	" B. B. Hartin, wood.	5 50
" 13.	"	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary account	200 00

Feb. 13.	By T. G. Apple, D.D., salary account.	200 00
" 13.	" F. A. Gast, " "	125 00
Mar. 13.	" Jacob Bausman, Treas. F. & M. Col.	150 00
" 14.	" Klopp legacy int. paid Oct. 1, '84.	40 00
" 20.	" John L. Arnold's bill	1 80
" 20.	" David Miles' bill	4 75
Apr. 1.	" E. V. Gerhart to Apr. 1, '85	175 00
" 1.	" T. G. Apple " "	175 00
" 1.	" F. A. Gast " "	125 00
" 18.	" Inq. Printing Co., $\frac{1}{2}$ Catalogues	20 83
" 28.	" C. H. Leonard's bill	2 00
May 1.	" Sprecher & Pfeiffer's bill	1 91
" 19.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary account	200 00
" 19.	" T. G. Apple, " "	200 00
" 19.	" F. A. Gast, " "	150 00
June 12.	" Bill fence repairs, J. M. Ruck	9 00
" 17.	" Bill roof repairs, E. V. G.	5 90
" 28.	" Bill, George Steele	9 80
" 23.	" E. V. Gerhart to July 1, '85	175 00
" 23.	" Thos. G. Apple, D. D., to July 1, '85	175 00
" 23.	" F. A. Gast to July 1, '85	100 00
July 28.	" Jacob Bausman, Treas., to July 1, '85.	50 00
" 31.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary account	200 00
" 31.	" T. G. Apple, " "	200 00
" 31.	" F. A. Gast, " "	150 00
" 31.	" Interest paid Library Fund to Oct. 1, '85	79 19
Aug. 15.	" Paid J. B. Roth, salary account.	50 00
Sept. 14.	" E. V. Gerhart, D. D., to Oct. 1, '85	175 00
" 14.	" T. G. Apple " "	175 00
" 14.	" F. A. Gast, " "	100 00
" 14.	" J. Bausman, Treas., F. & M. Col.	50 00
" 14.	" Klopp legacy interest to Oct. 1, '85	40 00
" 18.	" B. B. Martin's Coal bill	52 00
" 28.	" John B. Roth's salary to Oct. 1, '85.	50 00
		\$4,660.70
Amount Dr. brought forward.		\$5,181.96
Amount Cr. brought down.		4,660.70
Lancaster, Oct. 1, '85. Balance due Theo. Sem. is.		\$521 26

The undersigned auditing committee, having examined the Treasurer's account and compared his vouchers, find the same correct.

Lancaster, Pa., October 6, 1885.

ISAAC H. KIEFFER,
H. M. COCKLIN.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with Library Fund.*

1885.

Oct. 1. Amount of Principal of Fund is \$2,069 96

Invested as follows:

In Endowment Fund \$1,819 96

" John Wiley, Esq. 500 00

" Edward J. Zahm, Esq. 250 00

\$2069 96

1884.

Dr.

Oct. 1. To balance due per account rend. \$111 85

July 31, '85. To Interest from endowment fund to Oct. 1, '85 79 19

Aug. 1. " " " E. J. Zahm to Apl. 1, '85 . . 15 00

\$206 04

1884.

Cr.

Oct. 18. By amount pd. Ferner's bill \$ 4 50

Nov. 1. " " " Roy's " 9 40

" 5. " " " Ferner's " 63 05

" 7. " " " H. L. Trout bill 2 00

" 18. " " " Stoddart's " 6 00

" 22. " " " Pilger Buchhandlung 80

Dec. 11. " " " Appleton & Co. 1 00

1885.

Jan. 23. " " " S. H. Zahm & Co. 28 00

" " " " Appleton & Co. 2 00

Feb. 13. " " " Encyclopedia Brit. 6 00

" 25. " " " Appleton & Co. 3 00

Apl. 4. " " " F. W. Christern 2 80

" 7. " " " Appleton & Co. 2 00

" 8. " " " C. R. Ferner's bill 5 60

" 17. " " " Appleton & Co. 6 00

" 22. " " " C. R. Ferner's bill 7 50

May 4. " " " Stoddart & Co. 6 00

" 8. " " " J. H. Parker bill 3 00

" 22. " " " F. A. Gast, D.D., bill 8 10

June 1. " " " Appleton & Co. " 6 00

" 4. " " " J. H. Parker " 1 50

" 16. " " " 3 years' interest on Library . . . 30 00

July 1. " " " J. H. Parker bill 6 50

\$210 75

To amount Dr. brought down 206 04

Oct. 1, '85, balance due Treasurer \$ 4 71

STATEMENT OF SMALTZ FUND.

Dr.

Principal is	\$5000 00
Oct. 6, '84. To interest recd. to Oct. 1, '84	\$187 50
Apl. 6, '85. " " " " Apl. 1, '85	187 50
	<u>\$ 275 00</u>

Cr.

Oct. 6, '84. By amount paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas . . .	\$187 50
Apl. 6, '85. " " " " " " " . . .	187 50
	<u>\$ 275 00</u>

PITTSBURGH PROF. FUND.

Principal is	\$1718 30
Interest accounted for in endowment fund account.	

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

Principal is	\$12,883 05
Interest accounted for in endowment fund account.	

ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT.

1885.	
Oct. 1. Amount of principal is	\$68,224 76
No increase to Oct. 1, '85.	

1885.

Oct. 1. Total amount of funds in hands of Treasurer is as follows:

Endowment fund	\$68,224 76
Building "	12,883 05
Smaltz "	5,000 00
Library "	2,069 96
Pittsburgh prof. fund	1,718 30
	<u>\$89,896 07</u>

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treas.*

The undersigned auditing committee having examined the Treasurer's account and compared his vouchers, find the same correct.

Lancaster, Pa., October 6, 1885.

ISAAC H. KIEFFER,
H. M. COCKLIN.

AID FUND OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Received.—1884.

Nov. 20.	From H. St. John Rinker	\$ 3 00
" 22.	" Rev. J. A. Hoffheins	3 84
Dec. 9.	" Sulphur Spring Charge, Rev. Rupley, Treas	5 00
1885.		
Jan. 6.	" Christ Ref'd. Cong., Philadelphia	22 38

Jan. 12.	From Louis P. Schirmer, Union Mills, Mgr.	10 00
" 17.	" Rev. J. W. Love, Treas. Westmoreland Classis . . .	50 00
" 23.	" " D. B. Schneder, Marietta Charge	1 88
Feb. 19.	" Jos. H. Apple, D.D., Saegertown	4 25
Mar. 14.	" Mrs. and Miss Paul, per R. F. Kelker, Harrisburg .	2 00
" 16.	" Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treas. Maryland Classis . . .	78 28
" 24.	" St. John's Cong., Williamsport	4 00
Apl. 6.	" U. Providence Charge, Lancaster Co.	7 50
" 22.	" St. Stephen's Cong., Lancaster	5 00
" 23.	" Rev. D. W. Harnish, South Bend Charge	12 00
May 16.	" Sunbury Charge	5 00
" 19.	" Shrewsbury Charge, Rev. A. F. Dreisbach	12 00
" 25.	" Rev. D. C. Tobias' Charge, Lancaster Co.	2 00
June 6.	" Shellsburg Charge, \$4.04, and Everett Charge, \$3.70, per F. A. Rupley, Treas.	7 74
" "	" S. S. Association of St. John's Charge, Martinsburg .	8 50
July 6.	" Rev. S. T. Wagner, St. John's Charge	8 70
Sep. 10.	" " Simon S. Miller, Treas. Maryland Classis	28 00
" 23.	" White Deer Charge, per Rev. W. A. Haas	8 00
		\$269 07

The amount credited as received from Maryland Classis, per Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treas., is the Synodical Assessment of Potomac Synod.

JOHN B. ROTH, Treas.

Lancaster, Oct. 1, 1885.

(b) *Report of the Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary for the year 1884-85.*

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

DEAR BRETHREN: The undersigned presents the following as the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the past year:

The Seminary opened on the first Thursday in September, 1884, and continued in session, agreeably to the regulations of the Board, to the end of the year in May last.

The following persons were admitted to the Junior Class, six in number: Calvin E. Bartholomew, Julius Fink, Richard F. Gass, Robert O'Boyle, Lewis Robb and Oscar Peter Steckel. Half of these are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College. The other half possessed sufficient classical training to enable them to pursue with profit the branches of study prescribed in the course of instruction.

The Middle Class consisted of the members of the Junior Class of the previous year, together with Rufus W. Miller, a graduate of La Fayette College, at Easton, Pa., who presented a regular dismission from Union Theological Seminary, New York, and entered his class *ad eundem*.

The members of the Senior Class having finished the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, received the usual Testimonial of honorable dismissal at the anniversary of the Seminary last spring. Their names are as follows: Henry Ditzler, Charles R. Ferner, Cyrus M. Hartzel, William E. Hoy, Warren J. Johnson, Jonathan W. Miller, Lewis Reiter and Peter M. Trexler. One of them has received an appointment to labor as Missionary in Japan, three as Missionaries in the home field, and the remaining four are occupying posts of usefulness in regular charges.

There were thus in all twenty-five students in the Seminary during the year, eight in the Senior, eleven in the Middle and six in the Junior Class.

The Board attended the oral examinations at the end of the year, and carefully examined the papers prepared at the written examinations. These were satisfactory, and gave evidence that the students were diligent and faithful in their studies and in the improvement of their time.

The moral and religious conduct of the students, with one exception, was such as to commend itself to the respect and confidence of the faculty. They sought in various ways to improve the tone of piety in the institutions, and by their Missionary meetings to awaken and intensify the spirit of missions among themselves and others. The exception referred to was Mr. Fink, who, although he came to the Seminary with satisfactory testimonials, proved himself unworthy and was expelled from the institution.

On the whole, the past year has been a season of prosperity to our school of the prophets, and, as in years gone by, it has supplied its quota of new laborers in the ministry. The supply, however, has not been equal to the demand, and our prayers should continue to ascend that God may send more laborers into the harvest fields.

Respectfully submitted,

Lancaster, Pa., October 1, 1885.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

(c.) Report of the Board of Education.

Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with Rev. Charles G. Fisher, Treasurer.

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By Balance in Treasury, October 1, 1884	\$1853 62
By Cash per Treasurer, Tohickon Classis	296 89
“ “ East Pennsylvania Classis	310 00
“ “ Board of Publication, interest	180 84
“ from Whitmarsh Congregation	80 00
“ “ J. Miely, Treas. Synod, Gerhart Legacy Fund, interest	6 00
“ “ J. B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, Smalts Fund, interest	187 50

By Cash from J. B. Roth, Treas., Theological Seminary,		
" "	Klopp Legacy, interest	80 00
" "	Harrisburg Bank, dividends	22 50
" "	Rev. L. D. Steckel, refunded in full	152 00
" "	Rev. J. A. Peters, refunded in full	10 00
" "	Rev. J. Dotterer, refunded in full	515 00
" "	Rev. G. C. Hall, refunded in full	500 00
" "	Rev. G. W. Snyder, refunded in part	25 00
		\$3618 85
Dr.		
To Cash paid beneficiaries of Tohickon Classis	\$296 89	
" " East Pennsylvania Classis	310 00	
" " Smalts Fund	375 00	
" " General Fund	1067 00	
" Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., Salary	20 00	
" Expenses of Treasurer to Lancaster	4 55	
" Reformed Church Publication Board Loan	500 00	
Balance in Treasury	1045 91	
		\$3618 85

This certifies that the undersigned has examined the above account of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, and compared it with accompanying vouchers, and that he finds it correct.

THEODORE APPEL.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary to whom the foregoing documents have been referred, submitted their report. The report was taken up item by item and adopted. The report is as follows :

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to offer the following report :

The documents placed in our hands are as follows : The Report of the Board of Visitors ; the Report of the Treasurer ; the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

1. From the Report of the Board of Visitors your committee learn with pleasure that our Theological Seminary at Lancaster is in a prosperous condition, that the number of Students in attendance during the year has been encouraging, and that the deportment and diligence in study have been highly commendable.

The missionary spirit awakened in the Institution is worthy of special notice and indicates a religious condition which is hopeful for the church and gratifying to its friends.

2. From the Treasurer's Report, we learn that the receipts for the Seminary

from all sources during the year, amount to \$5,181.96, and the expenditure to \$4,660.70, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$521.26.

The amount received for the Relief Fund has fallen off very much during the year, and has not been sufficient to meet the annual deficit in the expenditures of the Institution. The amount received the last year was \$275.07, and the amount received the year previous \$1662.11.

The Report of the Board of Trustees calls attention to the condition of the Seminary property. The houses of the Professors need to be painted and otherwise improved, and the fence around the grounds having fallen very much into decay, needs to be rebuilt.

The Board proposes a plan by which the funds needed for such repairs and to meet the annual deficit in the relief fund, may be raised; which your committee would recommend for adoption by the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, that the three Synods raise annually, for the ensuing two years, the sum of one thousand dollars, for the purpose of meeting the annual deficit in the regular expenditures of the Theological Seminary, and of supplying the money needed for necessary repairs.

2. *Resolved*, that of this amount, the Synod of the U. S. agreed annually for two years, to raise five hundred and fifty dollars, with the understanding that the Synod of the Potomac raise three hundred dollars, and the Synod of Pittsburgh one hundred and fifty dollars; and further, that each Synod shall apportion the amount assumed among its classes, earnestly requesting them, as soon as practicable, to pay the amounts thus apportioned to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the above-named sum of five hundred and fifty dollars be assumed by this Synod and apportioned among the several classes.

Resolved, that the Synod recommend the Theological Seminary to the liberal support of our churches and urge upon its pastors the importance of presenting the claims of this Institution from their pulpits.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Chairman*.

In connection with this subject the following action was taken:

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary be requested to have all judgments now in their hands as security for funds loaned, put on record without delay.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADDITIONAL PROFESSORSHIP IN THE- OLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Under the first item of Report of Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and adopted:

Your committee would beg leave to submit the following report of progress:
To reach a common understanding of the work referred to us, and of the

plan to be adopted by us in the accomplishment of this work, a meeting was held in the Lecture Room of the First Reformed Church, of Reading, Pa., early in the month of January. At this meeting all the members were present, with the exception of the Rev. Dr. J. E. Hiester.

The organization of the committee was completed by the appointment of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, as Secretary, and Elder George W. Hensel, as Treasurer. The day was spent in earnest and practical discussion of the subject in hand, and it was apparent from the spirit manifested that each member was determined to do his full duty, and to secure, if possible, with God's blessing, the consummation so much to be desired. Each one felt, not only that the church owed it to its oldest Theological Institution to increase its facilities to enlarge its circle for good by the endowment of an additional professorship; but also that the time had come and that the church was ripe for the accomplishment of this work, in the near future.

To awaken the church to an apprehension of the nature of the present movement, as well as to its necessity, it was deemed politic by your committee to request of the Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart to reduce to writing his excellent address on the floor of Synod, believing it to contain largely the information needed. About seven hundred and fifty copies of the printed address, together with four thousand copies of a synopsis of the address, were accordingly circulated throughout the church by the various members of the committee. Sermons were preached on the subject; the attention of the various classes was called to the importance of an earnest co-operation with the members of the committee representing each classis. The seed has been sown in good faith, members of the church have been challenged in the name of God to do their full duty in this matter. The great Head of the church will see to it that we shall reap in due season, if we faint not. Has He not promised to reward earnest and honest labor done in His name and in the fear of God?

Encouraging reports are received from time to time, now from the one and then from the other, each one breathing a spirit of confidence in the final result. It is true, not much that is tangible has yet been announced, but promises have been given in quite a number of instances, to be realized not many days hence. Believing that some friends of the movement might prefer to give their bond for a certain amount, meanwhile paying interest at six per cent. per annum, and making the principal available at some future time, a number of such bonds in blank form were procured by the Treasurer and distributed. The encouraging result appears in the fact that one such bond for one thousand dollars, has been already assumed by the Reformed congregation of Shamokin, Rev. T. J. Hacker, pastor. For this noble example, the credit is largely due to Brother George B. Dechant, of the committee, aided, of course, by the worthy pastor. Who will next follow this example? What wealthy member of our reformed Zion will be the first to announce his offering of \$10,000, or \$5000, or \$3000, or \$1000?

Your committee proposes to go forward in this great and important work, trusting in God's help to accomplish it, perhaps not in two years, nor in five

years, but to accomplish it! How soon it will be accomplished will depend, of course, upon the interest felt in it by the ministry and members generally. A word can now and then be spoken, an influence exerted, a little effort made with the prayer for divine blessing, and above all, an example set which must and will tell mightily in hastening the happy consummation,

The committee is yet constituted as appointed by Synod, with the following exceptions:

Rev. Dr. J. E. Hiester, of Lebanon Classis, having resigned for what were believed satisfactory reasons, Elder John Heilman was substituted; Rev. H. Mosser, of Schuylkill Classis, also insisting upon his resignation, your committee failed, after several efforts, to fill the vacancy. This leaving Schuylkill Classis without representation on the committee, we would most earnestly beg the Synod, during its present sessions, to appoint some substitute and thereby fill the vacancy thus created. Asking for the prayers and the help of the church.

Respectfully submitted, S. G. WAGNER.

The Committee on Additional Professorships in the Theological Seminary was continued with instructions to put, if possible, an efficient agent in the field and pay him a liberal commission.

Rev. Jno. W. Steinmetz, of the Classis of Schuylkill, was elected a member of this committee to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. H. Mosser.

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ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF THE TRI-SYNODICAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Fathers and Brethren: We herewith transmit to your reverend body the annual report of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

We commend these documents to your careful consideration. There is evidently a deeper interest manifested on the whole question of missions throughout our Church. The contributions to this object during the past year were larger than the previous year. The new missions to be established in several of the large cities of the West, and the work in general undertaken by the Board for the coming year will require increased liberality on the part of the Church. Our prayer is that the Great Head of the Church may guide you in your counsels and bless our Home Mission Work. Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary.*

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR 1884-85.

To the Reverend Synods of Pittsburgh, of the Potomac, and of the United States :

RESPECTED BRETHREN :—The Superintendent of Missions hereby presents to your honorable bodies his Eighth Annual Report of the progress and present condition of the missions under the care of your Board.

Of the missions under the supervision of the Board, 81 are in the State of Pennsylvania, 1 in New York, 2 in Maryland, 1 in the District of Columbia, 6 in Virginia, 2 in Delaware, 4 in North Carolina, 4 in Kansas, 1 in Nebraska, 3 in Iowa, 3 in California, 4 in Oregon, 1 in Washington Territory, and 1 in Chili, South America, 64 in all.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grace Church, Easton.—Under the Board nine years. One congregation. Members, 107. S. S. scholars, 115. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 12. Losses, 5. Benevolent contributions, \$43. Congregational purposes, \$700. Value of property, \$4,000. No debt. Attendance at Church and Sunday-school good.

Owing mainly to the efforts of the ladies of the congregation repairs have been made to the church and paid for, with some funds left in the treasury. With the blessing of God, this mission seems to be firmly established, and, as the pastor believes, is on the way to final success. Its prospects are becoming brighter. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$225. Pastor, D. Y. Heister, D. D. Commissioned in 1876.

Salem's Church, Catasauqua.—Organized in 1873 or 1874. One congregation. Members, 170. S. S. scholars, 220. Baptisms, 12. Additions, 20. Losses, by removals, 14. For benevolence, \$50. Local objects, \$450. Value of property, \$10,000. Debt small, and soon to be paid off. Two benevolent societies in the congregation. Church papers circulated among the members.

This mission has suffered from the hard times and the want of employment among the members. The health of the pastor has compelled him to abstain from preaching for the present, but he remains in the field, exercises pastoral oversight, and has made arrangements to have his pulpit regularly supplied. The means of grace are well attended, and the members sympathize with the pastor in his afflictions. They are all united in the work of the church. When the times improve the mission will make more rapid progress towards self-support. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year, \$250. J. J. Crist, pastor. Commissioned in spring of 1877.

Zion's Reformed Church, Stroudsburg.—Organized May 17, 1882. One congregation. Members, 45. S. S. scholars, 60. For benevolence, \$15. For congregational purposes \$2,000. Value of property, \$8,000. Indebtedness, \$1,400. The new church was dedicated in November last, forming an interesting epoch in the progress of the mission. It is a handsome building, and is much admired. The mission may be considered as well established, and its prospects are encouraging. The pastor is still under the necessity of supplying several congregations in the country, which, with the depressed financial affairs in the

community, has been a drawback to the development of the mission. A promising catechetical class has just been formed. Appropriation last year, \$275. This year, \$275. Pastor, G. W. Kerschner.

Bangor.—Two congregations. Members, 175. S. S. scholars, 250. Baptisms, 20. Additions, 24. Losses, 5. For benevolence, \$25. For local objects, \$500. Other statistics not given. The mission is in a prosperous condition. Appropriation last year, \$800. This year, \$275. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

West Philadelphia. The Church of the Strangers.—One congregation. Members, 50. S. S. scholars, 60. Baptisms, 2. Additions, 4. Losses, 2. For benevolence, \$100. Congregational purposes, \$570. Collected in other churches, for lot and chapel, \$2,000. The old property was sold some time ago for \$2,200, and after the mortgage resting on it was paid off, a balance of \$1,070, was left for the new enterprise. The new chapel, which promises to be an inviting place of worship, in a desirable part of the city, is now under roof, and is expected to be ready for use in October. Much of the time of the pastor was occupied during the year in traveling about, soliciting money for the new church, which prevented him, in a measure, from attending to his duties as pastor; still the spiritual interests of the mission are said to be encouraging. A new and more hopeful spirit has taken possession of the members. After the new church is finished and paid for, it is believed that it will not be long until the mission becomes self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, \$800. This year, \$800. Pastor, G. H. Johnston. Commissioned January 1, 1884.

Lansdale.—This is a new mission lately organized, taken under the care of the Board by the request of the Classis of Tohickon. One congregation. Members, 60. S. S. scholars, 200. Since May 1st, one baptism and one addition to the church. For benevolence, \$10. Value of property, \$5,500. Indebtedness, \$1,800. Lansdale is a thriving railroad town, where Reformed members will come to reside in the future. The congregation was formerly part of a charge, but it suffered from the want of more preaching and pastoral care. It is now properly provided for and the prospects are that it will grow and increase. The new pastor was thankfully welcomed by the members, and an interesting catechetical class has been started, which is still increasing. Both pastor and people are much encouraged, and if properly sustained for a few years the mission will no doubt be able to provide for itself, and then assist others. Appropriation, \$800. Pastor, J. J. Rothrock, commissioned May 1, 1885.

Reading, St. Stephen's.—Organized March 16, 1883. One congregation. Members, 124. S. S. scholars, 811. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 36. Losses, 3. For benevolence, \$81. For congregational purposes, \$675. Value of property, \$6,700. Indebtedness on ground, \$3,000. Attendance good. A large proportion of the membership show commendable zeal in all church work. The pastor feels much encouraged, and regards the prospects of the mission for the future very encouraging. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$250. Pastor, C. S. Gerhard, commissioned Nov. 1, 1883.

Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg.—Organized in 1864. One congregation. Members, 119. S. S. scholars, 200. Baptisms, 12. Additions, 17. Losses, 9. For benevolence, \$114. For local objects, \$2,046. Value of property, \$9,000. Indebtedness, \$900, just assumed.

During the past year this mission has been successful in the erection of a handsome parsonage on the ground belonging to the church, at a cost of about \$2,000, on which it has paid about \$1,200, pledged or already paid. This movement has had a good effect on the congregation, and given it a new impulse. It has now the prospect of becoming self-supporting at no distant day. The mission has made encouraging progress during the year. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, G. W. Snyder, commissioned April 1, 1878.

Zwingli German Mission, Harrisburg.—One congregation. Members, 72. S. S. scholars, 40. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 21. Losses, 1. For benevolence, \$10. For congregational purposes, \$545. Value of property, \$8,000. Indebtedness, \$1,200. No reduction. During the year the church has been improved in appearance, and with this outward progress there has been a corresponding progress in the spiritual life of the congregation. With the encouragement of Classis, the missionary is at present making an effort to remove the indebtedness. Pastor and people are encouraged. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$100. Pastor, John Kuelling, D.D., commissioned July 1, 1884.

Steele Mission.—Organized in February, 1884. This mission has been supplied with preaching regularly, every two weeks, by the Superintendent himself, or under his direction. The movement started last year to secure the means to erect a chapel was postponed until a missionary could be secured to take charge of the mission. The efforts made to secure a suitable pastor also failed. The members are discouraged, and think it would be best to suspend the services every two weeks, until the mission is prepared to make a new start under more favorable auspices. The congregation consists of from thirty to forty members, all in limited circumstances, but worthy and consistent members of the Reformed Church. If they could be assisted in erecting a chapel, costing from \$1,500 to \$3,000, and could be supplied with a pastor soon, we believe the mission would be successful. Vacant.

Duncannon Mission.—Organized as a mission about thirteen years ago. Three congregations, at Duncannon, Marysville and Dellville respectively. Members, 121. S. S. scholars, 140. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 10. Losses, 4. For benevolence, \$80. For local objects, \$— . Value of property, about \$6000. No indebtedness. Sunday-school literature well circulated in the congregation. The charge has made a slow, but substantial progress during the year. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, J. R. Lewis, commissioned July 1, 1882.

St. John's Church, Williamsport.—One congregation. Members, 106. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 84. Losses, 4. For benevolent objects, \$50. For local objects, \$3400. Value of property, \$10,750. Indebtedness, \$1800. The new church, which was dedicated on the 7th of June last, is

ample and attractive. This mission has made substantial progress during the past year. The attendance at church and the Sunday-school has been regularly increasing since the congregation commenced to worship in the new church. The weekly prayer meeting, the S. S. teachers' meeting and the missionary society are well attended. Organized in 1882. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, D. H. Leader.

Lock Haven.—Two congregations. Members, 160 S. S. scholars, 225. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 18. Losses, 12. For benevolence, \$56. Congregational purposes, \$911. Value of church property, \$8000. Indebtedness, \$112. Reduction of indebtedness, \$512. The mission has made substantial progress during the year. All the families were visited four times a year, once at least previous to each communion. Last January the ladies formed a Mite Society, which has been successful in raising money to liquidate the remaining indebtedness on the church. The members have been liberal in their contributions to the support of the church in their circumstances. Many of them have been thrown out of employment by the stagnation in the lumber trade. When the times improve, of which there is no immediate prospect, the mission will make more rapid strides towards self-support. Still even during the stringency of the present the pastor has good reasons to be encouraged. Appropriation last year, \$275. For the coming year, \$275. G. W. Gerhard, pastor, commissioned September 1, 1883.

Overton Mission, in Bradford and Sullivan Counties.—Three congregations,—Overton, Dushore and Elkland. Members, 180. S. S. scholars, 75. Baptisms, 24. Additions, 28. Losses, 8. One student for the ministry. For benevolence, \$47. For congregational purposes, \$330. Value of property at present, \$2000. Indebtedness, \$150. The congregation at Overton has at length united in the erection of a new church, which was much needed, the corner-stone of which was laid during the month of September. The congregation at Dushore is still without a house of worship, but an effort is on foot to erect one, and about \$400 have been subscribed for that purpose. The Classis has allowed the pastor to collect still further funds in its congregations for this object, and he reports that the canvass just commenced has shown good results. The mission is making progress, and has every reason to expect that under the present pastoral care it will in a few years become successfully established. Appropriation last year, \$125. This year, \$125. Pastor, C. M. Mutschler, commissioned January 1, 1882.

Orbisonia.—Three congregations. Members, 108. S. S. scholars, 60. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 10. Losses, 11. For benevolence, \$38. For congregational purposes, \$220. Value of church property, \$3500. Indebtedness, \$50. No reduction. Each congregation owns its own church building. Organized as a mission in 1876. The present pastor has been one year in the field, and under his efficient management the mission seems to have made a new start. Peace, harmony and good order prevail. Attention has been paid to make the churches attractive. Property has been repaired, a new organ has been intro-

duced into one of the churches, and one contemplated in another. The charge needs a parsonage, and as soon as one is secured, which ought to be during the coming year, the charge will be nearly or quite self-supporting. Appropriation last year, \$150. For coming year, \$160. Pastor, N. F. Peters, commissioned September 1, 1884.

Shenandoah.—After a change of pastor this mission became self-sustaining during the past year.

St. Luke's, Lancaster, Pa.—One congregation. Organized January, 1879, with 8 members. Present membership, 80. S. S. scholars, 280. Baptisms, 23. Additions, 7,—all heads of families. For benevolence, \$16.76. For congregational purposes, \$438.50. Value of property, \$3800. No debt. Church papers taken, 323. A Willing Workers' Aid Society, which meets monthly at the homes of the members, was organized during the past year. The mission has been fruitful during the past five years, both as to quantity and quality. During that period the increase in efficient members has been five times, and in offerings seven times. The members are all poor, but their contributions to the support of the pastor have been increasing yearly. Owing to the hard times the project of purchasing additional ground in order to enlarge the chapel—something very much needed—has not as yet been carried out. As times improve it is hoped that this will be accomplished. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300. Pastor, W. F. Lichliter, commissioned June 1, 1885.

Marietta.—Mission organized in 1878. One congregation. Members, 131. S. S. Scholars, 145. Baptisms, 22. Additions, 18. Losses, 14. For benevolence, \$26. For congregational purposes, \$898. Has an interest in a union church, of which it has the exclusive use, worth about \$8,000. No indebtedness. The congregation is predominantly American, but it has provided regular services for foreign Germans, which are duly appreciated. The general depression in business has been felt more particularly in Marietta, and more especially in the Reformed mission. With the blessing of God, however, the mission has been enabled to hold its own, and to make some advance in spiritual life. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$100. Pastor D. B. Schneder. Commissioned, June 15, 1883.

Clear Ridge, Bedford Co.—Three congregations. Members, 102. Sunday-school scholars, 90. Baptisms, 15. Additions, 20. Losses, 4. For benevolence, \$45.66. Local objects not given. Value of property, \$1700. Indebtedness still \$263. No reduction. 13 Messengers. This mission is growing in spiritual strength and in numbers, but the almost entire failure of the wheat crop within the bounds of the charge, during the present year, will embarrass the members in giving the pastor his promised support during the coming year. We may hope that divine grace will be sufficient to enable them to endure the burden when it comes, and sustain their churches with Christian self-denial. Then the blessing will be so much the greater afterwards. Appropriation last year, \$150. For the coming year, \$150. D. G. Klein, Pastor. Commissioned July 1, 1884.

Sulphur Spring Mission, Bedford Co.—Organized in 1876. Three congregations; one at Mann's Choice, one on Dry Ridge, and Schroyer's Church. Members, 238. S. S. scholars, 105. Baptisms, 12. Additions, 9. Losses, 3. Value of property, \$3,000. No indebtedness. Further statistics not given.

After the withdrawal of the former pastor this mission became vacant for several months until the month of May, when it was again supplied. The present pastor reports that the prospects of the mission are encouraging. Catechetical classes have been established in all three of the congregations, with some thirty catechumens in attendance. The attendance on public worship is good. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor S. C. Long. Commissioned, May 1, 1885.

Will's Creek Mission, Bedford and Somerset Counties.—Organized in 1881. Vacant for seven months, but supplied until March 1, 1885, when the present pastor took charge of it. Four congregations. Members, 225. S. S. Scholars, 130. Baptisms, 6. Additions since last March, 25. Losses, 16. For benevolence, \$68.61. For congregational purposes, \$620. Value of property about \$4000. Indebtedness, \$160. Reduction during the last six months, \$240, with the prospect of its total extinction by the coming spring.

The congregations are inconveniently situated for the formation of a charge imposing much physical labor upon the pastor in meeting his appointments at different points on the mountains. But he has taken hold of his work with youthful vigor, and, as the results show, his labors in strengthening the charge have not been without fruit. At present he is engaged in organizing a new congregation at Glencoe along the railroad, where a church is much needed. When this is once accomplished, it is hoped that the way will be opened for the formation of two charges. Appropriation last year, \$115. This year, \$120. Pastor, C. H. Reiter. Commissioned, March 1, 1885.

St. John's, Johnstown.—One congregation. Members, 93. S. S. scholars, 88. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 8. Losses, 16. For benevolence, \$45.05. Local objects, \$897.56. Value of property, \$3000. No indebtedness. In consequence of the stagnation in business, this mission has suffered in various ways during the past year. The loss in the membership has been greater than its increase. The members, however, have shown commendable zeal in sustaining the church and the pastor in his work. Unity, peace and Christian love pervade the congregation. The pastor has been preaching at several points along the railroad, from which he expects good results to his charge in the future. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year, \$350. Pastor, W. H. Bates. Commissioned, January 1, 1881.

Latrobe.—Congregations two, one at Latrobe and the other in Ligonier Valley. Members, 125. S. S. scholars, 90. Baptism, 10. Additions, 3. For benevolence, —. For local objects, \$225. Value of property, \$10,000. Indebtedness, \$400. Reduction of indebtedness, \$345. The former pastor, the Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, withdrew from this mission December 1, 1884. The present pastor entered upon his duties last June. The mission is united and its pros-

pects encouraging. An interesting class of catechumens will be formed soon. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, C. M. Hartsell. Commissioned June 1, 1885.

East End, and Wilksburg.—Two congregations, two missions united, Zion's and Trinity. Organized March 23, 1878.

In Zion's Congregation. Members, 60. S. S. scholars, 75. Baptisms, 9. Additions, 13. Losses, 7. For benevolence, \$40. For local objects, \$400. Value of property, \$3000. Reduction of debt, \$400. Present indebtedness, \$200.

In Trinity Congregation. Members, 56. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 6. Losses, 4. For benevolence, \$50. For local objects, \$350. Value of property, \$3000. Indebtedness, none. Reduction of debt, \$300.

The mission, as a whole, has made progress, externally and internally, under the present pastor. Since he commenced his work he has added 83 to the church. As it was assisted during the past year in liquidating nearly all of its indebtedness, it is now in a condition to assume \$350 of the appropriation made to it last year. The time is approaching, however, when the two congregations should be again separated, so as to form two distinct missions, as was formerly the case. Their future success requires that this should be done as soon as the way is open for its accomplishment. Appropriation last year, \$700. This year, \$350. Pastor, M. F. Frank, commissioned June 1, 1884.

McKeesport and Turtle Creek.—Two congregations. Members, 98. S. S. scholars, 94. Baptisms, 16. Additions, 24. For benevolence, \$28. For local objects, \$870. Value of property, \$6000. Indebtedness, \$1400, assumed during the year in erecting a chapel.

This mission was organized between two and three years ago, with 48 members. Since then it has more than doubled its membership. Then it had no church buildings; now it has two inviting chapels. One of these, at McKeesport, was put up during the past year, with a tower on one of the corners and well furnished in the interior. The time of the pastor has been largely occupied in securing the funds for the erection of the new church; but the congregations have made progress in the Christian life. Prayer-meetings have been held weekly and missionary societies have been organized in both congregations during the past year. Appropriation last year, \$450. This year, \$400. Pastor, H. D. Darbaker, commissioned January 1, 1883.

New Castle Mission.—Organized about five years ago. One congregation. Members, 57. S. S. scholars, 35. Baptisms, 9. Additions, 23. For benevolence, \$27.85. For congregational purposes, \$450. Value of property, \$4000. Indebtedness, \$880. No reduction.

This mission became vacant on the 1st of March last, but was again supplied with a pastor on the 1st of June. Owing to some dissensions, which unfortunately have not as yet all been healed up, it suffered considerably during the few months it was without a pastor. It has, however, in some degree, rallied

under its new leader, and good hopes are entertained that it will surmount all the difficulties in its way. Services in the sanctuary and the Sunday-school are improving. A missionary society of 18 members has been organized, and a more hopeful feeling pervades the members. Appropriation last year, \$400 This year, \$400. Pastor, J. W. Miller, commissioned May 15, 1885.

Sharon Mission, Mercer Co.—This mission was formerly under the Board, but became self-supporting, with some help from the Pittsburgh Synod. About one year ago one of the congregations was united with the Mercer Mission, which then became self-supporting. Under these circumstances, by recommendation of the Synod's Board, it was again placed under this Board with an appropriation.

The statistics, as far as given, are as follows: One congregation. Members, 154. S. S. scholars, 80. Additions, 84. Losses, 26. For benevolence, \$41. For congregational purposes, \$512. The mission has suffered from the hard times, but it is growing in grace and strength. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$50. Pastor, E. E. Gruenstein, commissioned October 1, 1884.

Dubois, Clearfield Co.—Two congregations, St. Peter's, at Dubois, and the Boon's Mountain Church. Members, 60. S. S. scholars, 70. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 6. Value of property, \$6500. Indebtedness, \$500. No reduction. Under the Board since 1882.

This mission was without a pastor from July 1, 1884, to February 1, 1885, in consequence of which its spiritual interests suffered. It has, however, rallied in both of its congregations, and the prospects of future growth are again encouraging. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, W. M. Andrews, commissioned February 1, 1885.

Houtzdale, Clearfield Co.—One congregation. Members, 48. S. S. scholars, 25. Baptisms, 19. Additions, 6. For benevolence, \$16. For congregational purposes, \$165. Value of church property, \$1200. Indebtedness, \$300. No reduction.

Owing to the hard times and the want of work near home, the members have been scattered to some extent, and it became necessary for the pastor to visit them at distant collieries, and hold services with them. At different times during the past year, the pastor, with afflictions in his family, was reduced to want, and if it had not been for kind Christian friends in the church, he would have had to endure much suffering. But aid was sent to him and his family when it was most needed, for which they feel truly thankful and much encouraged to continue in the work of the Lord. Appropriation last year, \$300. For coming year, \$300. Pastor, C. W. E. Siegel, commissioned May 1, 1882.

Scottsdale Trinity Mission.—One congregation. Members, 57. S. S. scholars, 55. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 18. Losses, 2. For benevolence, \$59.83. For congregational purposes, \$506.13. Value of property, \$4,500. No indebtedness. The church festivals are observed and the church papers are taken. Some troubles have annoyed the congregation since the present pastorate began, but it is believed that they have been buried for good and that the mission is now strong-

er than it ever was before. No missionary society as yet exists. Appropriation last year, \$200. The coming year, \$160. Pastor, H. S. Garner, commissioned May 1, 1884.

Mercer Mission.—During the year this mission became connected with other congregations, and so required no further help.

Somerset.—Taken under the Board in 1884. Three congregations. Members, 155. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 6. Losses, 4. For benevolence, \$129. Local objects, \$425. Value of property, \$8000. Debts, none.

The mission stands just about where it stood one year ago. No items of progress have been reported. The church building in Somerset is an old building and inconveniently located. A new church put up in a more eligible part of the town is much needed. Unless this is done, and a new spirit of life and activity is awakened in the congregation, it is not likely that it will make any considerable progress. On the contrary, it may decline. Appropriation last year, \$145. This year, \$100. Pastor, H. King, commissioned April 1, 1884.

Tonesta.—Vacant. No report.

MARYLAND.

Ridgely, Eastern Shore of Maryland.—Three congregations; St. Paul's at Ridgely, Caroline Co., organized in 1878; Zion's, near Millington, in Kent Co., in 1880; and St. John's, near Easton, in Talbot Co., also in 1880. The two latter are both small. Members, 85. S. S. scholars, 40. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 16. Losses, 6. For benevolence, \$37. Local objects, \$150. Value of property, \$3,000. No debt. Two churches, one being Union.

This mission has been making a gradual progress under the present pastorate. Harmony and peace prevail in the congregation, and the services of the sanctuary are well attended, although many of the members live at considerable distances from the church. In the circumstances of the case, the increase of the congregations must, for the most part, come from immigrants from the North, and this must go on for a long time to come; but whilst of these some come every year, others also go every year. The congregation at Ridgely is now well established and commands the respect of the community. But its progress towards self-support has not been as rapid as was expected, and there is still room for a greater degree of liberality in devising liberal things for the support of the church and the means of grace among its membership. Appropriation last year \$300. This year, \$300. C. W. Levan, pastor, commissioned September, 1883.

Woodberry and East Baltimore Mission.—One congregation at Woodberry organized September 14, 1884, with nine members. Members at present, 41. S. S. scholars, 90. Baptisms, 3. Additions during the year, 42. Loss, 1. For benevolence, \$21.35. For congregational purposes \$308.05. Value of property, \$5,000. The handsome new chapel at Woodberry was dedicated to the worship of God on the 12th of July last. It was built by the Classis of Maryland and the English Reformed Churches of Baltimore, with such assistance as the members of the mission could give. Since the dedication, the attendance on divine

services has been good, and the members feel much encouraged, showing increased zeal and activity in their work. It is believed that it springs from an advance in their spiritual life. The mission further enjoys the confidence of the community.

On the 4th of January last, a Sunday school was organized in East Baltimore, which has been encouragingly attended. The expenses incurred in carrying it forward thus far were borne by St. Paul's and the Third Reformed Churches, and valuable assistance has been rendered by the members in conducting the school. It is believed that it will prove to be the nucleus out of which an interesting congregation will hereafter grow, and that as soon as the way is open it will call for a pastor of its own. Appropriation last year, \$300, supplemented with assistance from the members of the Baltimore churches. This year, \$800. Pastor, E. R. Deatrick, commissioned May 1, 1884.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Grace Church, Washington.—One congregation. Members, 90. S. S. scholars, 56. Baptisms, 12. Additions, 26. For benevolence, \$80. For local objects, \$400. Value of property, \$18,000. Original cost, \$8,000. No debt in the mission. Some pledges assumed by the Classis not yet redeemed. Some improvements made in the church building. Services well attended. The Missionary Society, the Ladies' Aid Society, now three years old, both active—Church papers circulated. The mission shows progress and a healthy growth. Appropriation last year, \$575. This year, \$575. Pastor, C. F. Sontag, commissioned June 1, 1880.

VIRGINIA.

Winchester Mission.—Three congregations, respectively, at Winchester, Smithfield and Stephenson's Station. Members, 188. S. S. scholars, 125. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 27. Losses, 6. Benevolent contributions, \$42. For congregational purposes, \$390. Value of property, \$5,000. No debt. The new parsonage, after the sale of the old one, was completed free of debt. Two Church Aid and Missionary Societies. This mission was vacant from March to December of last year, and this report accordingly covers a period of about only eight months. It shows, however, that the mission has taken a new start, and that the pastor has great reason to be encouraged in his work. The pastor is much occupied and is seeking to occupy several new points in his field where the preaching of the gospel is called for. His members give him a cordial support, and are growing in spirituality. Appropriation last year, \$800. Next year, \$275. Pastor, S. L. Whitmore, commissioned December 1, 1884.

Harrisville, St. Stephen's.—Under the Board since June, 1883. One congregation. Members, 150. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 8. Losses, 6. For benevolence, \$67. Congregational purposes, \$385. Value of church property, \$1500. Indebtedness, \$67. There has been a decided advance in the spiritual life of the people. A new congregation is to be organized at Lebanon in the near future. The prospects now are that the mission will be self-sustain-

ing in a year from this. Appropriation last year, \$50. This year, \$25. Pastor, E. Welty, M.D., commissioned June 1, 1883.

Mt. Jackson, Mill Creek Mission.—Three congregations, one of which was organized at Mt. Jackson on the 14th of May last, with 28 members. Members in the entire charge, 145. S. S. scholars, 50. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 18. Losses, 3. For benevolence, \$37.50. For congregational purposes, \$400. Value of two churches and parsonage, \$6500. Indebtedness on parsonage, \$300. Reduction of debt, \$100. No church as yet at Mt. Jackson. Six regular preaching places. Two new chapels needed. The spiritual condition of the mission is encouraging and the prospects of becoming self-sustaining good. Mission organized in 1883. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, G. A. Whitmore, commissioned March 15, 1883.

Timberville, Rockingham Co.—Congregations, 2. Members, 112. S. S. scholars, 65. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 15. Loss, 1. For benevolence, \$30. Local objects, \$280. Value of church property, \$3,000. Indebtedness on parsonage, still \$100. No reduction. The mission has been making progress, as during the preceding year, but owing to failure in the crops and the financial situation in the country, it has not been able to make the advance towards self-support which was expected of it last year. For the same reason the pastor was prevented from undertaking to build a new chapel and to organize a new congregation at one of his preaching points. But with these drawbacks, the members of this mission ought to be the more vigilant and prompt in co-operating with each other in building up the mission. Appropriation \$100. Vacant.

Middlebrook.—This mission became vacant by the withdrawal of the pastor in December, who was called to take charge of an important mission, within the bounds of Classis, that had been vacant for some time. It has been occasionally supplied with preaching, and has made several efforts to supply itself with a pastor, but thus far without success. Two congregations. Members, 88. S. S. scholars, 120. Value of property, including a new parsonage, \$4,000. Indebtedness, \$700. Other statistics not given. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$— Vacant.

St. John's Mint Spring Mission.—This mission has been vacant since April, 1884. It is believed that under present circumstances, it should be reunited with the Middlebrook mission. The two would then become nearly, or quite, sustaining. One congregation. A house of worship at Mint Springs, a preaching point, but without an organized congregation. Members, 127. S. S. scholars, 40. Value of property, \$3,500. Indebtedness, \$200. No other statistics given. Appropriation in 1883, \$50. Vacant.

DELAWARE.

Wyoming, Kent Co., St. John's.—One congregation. Members, 108. S. S. scholars, 89. Baptisms, 9. Additions, 10. Losses, 2. For benevolence, \$28. For local objects, \$203.77. Value of property, \$5,000. Indebtedness, \$1,700. No reduction. This mission has had various difficulties to encounter during the year, but it has suffered no serious loss thus far. The erection of a parsonage

has taxed its financial strength, and the indebtedness thus incurred has been a burden on its shoulders. The health of the pastor was seriously affected for some time during the spring, and interfered somewhat with the extension of his work, but through the providence of God it has again been restored to him. Divine services, have, on the whole, been well attended. The Sunday-school has been in a prosperous condition, and the Ladies' Aid Society, which is to be merged into a Missionary Society, has been active. There are several points in the surrounding country, where new congregations may probably be established. These are in contemplation. With greater unity and concert of action among the members, this mission has a promising future before it. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, S. F. Laury, commissioned December 1, 1888.

Wilmington, St. John's.—This is a new mission, organized April 12, 1885, by the Superintendent and a committee of the Classis of Philadelphia, with between 15 and 20 members. Since that time it has been placed under the pastoral care of the Rev. C. W. Levan, who has had charge of it in connection with the mission at Ridgely, and preached for it every two weeks. The pulpit has also been supplied every two weeks by the Superintendent or under his direction. The success of this mission will largely depend on its having a pastor, who will reside at Wilmington and devote his entire time to its interests. A nucleus of good reliable members has been gathered together, which it is believed will be considerably increased as soon as a more convenient place of worship can be secured, and the community comes to see that the present enterprise is to be sustained by the church until it is crowned with full success. The opening for a Reformed Church in Wilmington is a very favorable one, and one that ought not to be neglected. C. W. Levan, pastor, commissioned March 1, 1885.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Concord.—During the past year this mission has been successful in the erection of a new church, with the assistance of the Synod of the Potomac. The congregation is small, with some twenty or thirty members, but active and energetic, with a prosperous Sunday-School, and now a neat and handsome house of worship. Some time ago the missionary, Rev. J. W. Cecil, felt compelled, on account of inadequate support for his family, to withdraw from the field; and it has been vacant, although occasionally supplied, for several months. Its prospects are good, and it should be supplied with a pastor without delay. No statistics given. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, vacant.

Newton Mission.—Organized in 1883. Three congregations. Members, 180. S. S. scholars, 80. Baptisms, 10. Additions, 15; including five heads of families. The Catechetical Class numbers, at present, 28. For benevolence, \$14.48. Other statistics not given. A Woman's Aid Society has been organized whose object is to secure means to erect a new church in town, which is much needed. The pastor has been making earnest efforts to secure family worship in all the households of the congregation. On the whole the outlook

is encouraging. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, J. C. Clapp, D.D. Commissioned July 1, 1884.

Lincolnton.—This mission continued to be served during the past year by Prof. Foil until the 1st of June, when he withdrew. It was then connected with several neighboring congregations forming with them a convenient pastoral charge. Under a new pastor who will devote all of his time and attention to the field, it is believed that the charge will be self-sustaining in the course of the coming year. Appropriation last year, \$50. This year, \$50. Pastor, John A. Foil.

Blowing Rock, Watauga Co.—This mission is situated in a mountainous district of the western part of the State, as a number of Reformed families had settled there, and the country was to a great extent destitute of the means of grace. The Rev. J. Ingle, who was on the ground, was commissioned by the Board as missionary in this waste place, on the heights of the Alleghanies. His appropriation was small, and he was compelled to labor part of his time with his own hands in order to support his large family. He has been preaching in two places once every Sabbath, and the people have thankfully received the word of truth from his lips. Many persons visit this part of the mountain during the summer who would attend Mr. Ingle's services if a new church could be erected at some convenient point. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$100. Pastor, J. Ingle.

KANSAS.

Emporia Mission.—Organized in 1880. One congregation. Members, 26. S. S. scholars, 30. Baptisms, 2. Additions, 8. For benevolence \$36.60. Congregational purposes, \$96.45. Value of property, \$6,500. Debts none. This mission has labored under the disadvantage of having services only every two weeks, and of receiving the services and attention of the pastor during half of his time. The Board, therefore, requested him to withdraw from this field on the 1st of May last, and to confine himself to his general duties as superintendent. Since then it has been vacant. But at the annual meeting of the Board a successor was appointed to take charge of the mission, and he will soon be in the field. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, —. Pastor, —.

Mr. Shuey as superintendent, preached at Abilene every two weeks, until it was supplied with a missionary in November last. At Baker, in Brown Co., he organized a congregation of 19 members, in November last. Baptisms here 8, and one addition. This congregation might be connected with some other congregation and form a self-supporting charge. If this cannot be done, then it should be made the centre of a new missionary field. The superintendent made a number of trips through the north-western part of Kansas and Southern Nebraska, and found members of the Reformed Church wherever he went. In Knuckles Co., Nebraska, he found valuable material for a congregation. In Norton, Rock, Osborne, Logan and other counties in Kansas, he found members and sometimes preached for them in sod school-houses. They were glad to see him, and asked him to send them ministers. In Marshall County he found twenty-five Swiss

families, for whom a German missionary should be supplied. In and around Topeka he found ten families, members of the Church, who should be looked after. During the year he visited Kansas City, Mo., where there is a very promising opening for a church. It should be supplied at once. At Dallas, Texas, he found a Reformed congregation already established under Pastor E. De Geller, also a colored congregation, both of which desire to be placed under the Board. We have much reformed people in Texas, and Dallas is regarded as a good centre for missionary operations in the south-west, including Louisiana and the city of New Orleans. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, —. Superintendent, D. B. Shuey. Commissioned November 1, 1882.

Wichita Mission.—Organized in 1883. Two congregations, one at Wichita, organized during the past year, and the other at Cheney. Members, 55. S. S. scholars, 115. Baptisms, 2. Additions, 23. For benevolence, \$5.80. For local purposes, \$1,284.70. Value of property, \$2,500. Debt provided for. The congregation at Wichita worships, for the present, in a public hall, but feels the necessity of a new church or chapel very much as something necessary to its future success. It should have one with the least possible delay. The new church at Cheney was dedicated on the 31st of May last, but the pastor was there only in spirit. He died suddenly on the 7th of April, just at the opening of great usefulness in Kansas. His death was sudden, brought on, it is believed, by over-exertion during a period of enfeebled health, and was universally deplored. His memory is blessed. Mr. Shuey, superintendent, has been directed to take charge of the mission until a suitable pastor can be secured. Appropriation last year, \$450. For the present supplied by the superintendent. Mr. Brown was commissioned April 1, 1883.

Iola.—Two congregations, one at Iola and the other at Moran. Members, 40. S. S. scholars, 30. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 9. Losses, 3. For benevolence, \$3.85. For congregational purposes, \$385. Value of ground purchased for a church at Iola, \$250. No indebtedness. The want of a church building at Iola interferes with the progress of the mission, and it is earnestly hoped that during the coming year it may receive such assistance from the church at large as it may need in going forward in supplying for itself a suitable house of worship. The members have suffered considerably in the loss of their crops, and on this account for the present and for some time to come they will need the fostering care of the church. The attendance on worship is good and the spiritual life of the members advancing. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300. Pastor, S. A. Alt, commissioned June 1, 1884.

Abilene.—This is a new mission organized in November last when the present pastor took charge. It consists at present of two congregations and at least five preaching places, out of the latter of which two congregations at least are likely to be organized at no distant day. The congregation at Abilene was organized in November, 1883, and the one at Enterprise in October, 1884, both by the Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent. Neither, however, as yet, has a house of worship of its own, and they both will need the assistance of the

church in removing this difficulty in the way of their progress. Until this is done the mission will labor under serious disadvantages. The missionary has made full proof of his ministry, and the prospects of the mission fully justify its organization by the Board one year ago. Congregations, 2. Members, 70. S. S. scholars, 75. Baptisms, 10. Additions, 18. Losses, none. For benevolence, \$9.45. For congregational purposes, \$239.10. The congregation at Abilene owns a lot of ground, for a church building, worth \$500. Appropriation last year, \$300. For coming year, \$300. Pastor, T. F. Stauffer, commissioned November 16, 1884.

IOWA.

Superintendent's Report.—The Rev. D. S. Fouse, Missionary Superintendent of the Classis of Iowa, reports that the Wilton charge had formerly been self-sustaining, but that it was deemed best to separate it from Columbus Junction and constitute it a mission, as it has the prospect of soon becoming self-sustaining. He is of the opinion that there ought to be a mission in Des Moines, and that there is enough material left there to justify its establishment at an early day. He also directs the attention of the Board to Sioux City as presenting an excellent opening for the establishment of a mission. He says that there is quite a number of Reformed people in the city—as far as ascertained, at least 50—who are anxious to have a church and pastor, and express a willingness to support a new missionary enterprise when established among them. In a letter he was informed that one member had pledged himself to head a list with a subscription of \$100 for the support of a pastor, and of \$200 for the erection of a church. He also calls attention to Waterloo City and other points where we have members that should be looked after. He says the missionary field in Iowa is of the most encouraging character, and one that will return valuable results if the Classis is properly sustained by the Board in its missionary operations.

Liscomb Mission, Marshall Co.—Two congregations, St. Paul's, organized in 1880, and Grace in 1881, together with one preaching point. The congregations commenced respectively with 18 and 8 members. Members at present, 41. S. S. scholars, 109. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 11. For benevolence, \$87.84. For local objects, \$306. Only one church building. Property valued at \$2100. No indebtedness. Two missionary societies. The church papers are circulated in all the families. The mission paid \$75 of the appropriation made last year by the Board, and propose to assume a part for the coming year. Its prospects of self-support encouraging and the spiritual condition good. Appropriation last year, \$290. For the coming year, \$225. Henry Bair, commissioned October 1, 1881.

Pleasant Valley, Tremont Co.—One congregation and a preaching point. Members, 40. S. S. Scholars, 30. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 7. For benevolence, about \$50. Congregational purposes, \$115. Value of church property, \$1500. No indebtedness. The pastor reports that the condition of this mission is discouraging; that whilst some of the members of the mission faithfully sus-

tain him in his work, others do not, and that, with much grief and many discouragements, he had endeavored to discharge his duties as a Christian minister during the past year. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, D. P. Lefever.

Willon, Muscatine Co.—One congregation. Members, 88. S. S. Scholars, 50. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 28. Losses 22. For benevolence for the last year, \$60, and for the last two years, \$118. For congregational purposes last year, \$1025; for the last two years, \$1500. This mission is weak in numbers, but it shows commendable activity and liberality in its efforts to sustain the means of grace. Under the care of the Classis of Iowa. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, S. R. Runkel. Commissioned July 1, 1883.

NEBRASKA.

Fair View and Ithaca.—Two congregations, one at Saunders Co., twenty-three miles from Lincoln, and the other at Ithaca. No property. Owing to the loss of crops of last year, less was given for the support of the gospel than during previous years. In all about \$100. Four baptisms and two additions. Services still held in school-houses are well attended. The missionary preaches every two weeks in Lincoln, a city of 22,000 inhabitants, in an out-of-the-way place, under discouraging circumstances. His labors can accomplish nothing more than to hold our members together until they are better provided for. No organization has, as yet, been effected. The opening here for a church is favorable, and a missionary ought to be located in this place without delay. Appropriation last year, \$275. This year, \$250. Pastor, Edmund Erb. Commissioned April 1, 1881.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco.—After the return of the Rev. D. E. Schoedler last fall to report to our Synods the condition of our missionary work in California, he asked permission to withdraw from his position as Superintendent of missions and missionary in California, which request was granted. The Rev. L. D. Leberman was appointed to take his place in the mission in San Francisco and entered upon his duties there near the close of the year. He was kindly received, and the timely help extended to the mission by the Board and the two Eastern Synods, in assuming the indebtedness resting on the church building, for which a high interest had to be paid, has given a new impulse to the mission, and probably prevented it from disintegrating altogether. Brother Leberman was successful in rallying the congregation in its discouragements, and the way was thus opened for a healthy growth. But it has turned out that the climate has proved to be unfavorable to his constitution, and accordingly, for some months past, whilst he has been able to fill all his appointments in the church, he has not been able to attend pastoral visitation. He therefore asks to be relieved from further labor at San Francisco, and to be assigned to some other mission in California. Forty members in the mission were reported last year, to which must be added a handsome accession made at

the Easter communion. Appropriation last year to present pastor, \$675. Appropriation for coming year, \$400. Pastor, L. D. Leberman

Stockton.—Two congregations. Members, 70. S. S. scholars, 59. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 3. Benevolence, \$2.50. Local objects, \$100 in three months. Value of property, \$6,000. The difficulties in this mission, mentioned in our last annual report, unfortunately were protracted all throughout the past year. The effort made to eject the persons who have violently held possession of the parsonage for several years has not yet been crowned with success. The case has been quite recently argued for the last time, but the decision of the judges had not as yet been rendered when our last advices were received from Stockton. It is believed that it will be favorable. Brother De Geller having met with much opposition and persecution in carrying forward the trial for the church building, thought it would be best for him to withdraw from the field and make room for a successor. His request was granted, and he left in March last. His place was filled by the Rev. D. D. Leberman last spring. He was kindly received by the congregation, but his health failed him, and by the advice of his physician he felt himself compelled reluctantly to return to the East. The field is, therefore, again vacant. The ladies of the congregation, especially, have been active in sustaining the church, but it is not likely that it will make any considerable progress, until present difficulties are adjusted. It is believed that that event is not far distant. One congregation. Members, 70. S. S. scholars, 57. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$— . Vacant.

Salem's Church, Napa.—One congregation. Members, 64. S. S. Scholars, 40. Baptisms, 18. Additions, 5. For congregational purposes, \$395. Value of property, \$2,000. No indebtedness. The mission has made no particular advance during the year, neither has it retrograded. The members are faithful in their adherence to the church. The pastor has a number of preaching points in the country around Napa, and during the year has been preaching at Calistoga, Ballejo, Bemaia and Yountville, within a radius of fifty miles; but with what result we are not informed. Appropriation last year, \$125. This year, \$— . Pastor, G. W. Maechtersheimer.

OREGON.

Superintendent's Report.—Dr. Gantenbein, superintendent of missions, reports that with the assistance of Prof. Schiedt, he has been able to hold two services in his own congregation at Portland, kept up the academy and two Sunday-schools, held two services twice a month at Astoria, 100 miles from Portland, preached since November last at Washougal, Washington Territory, as often as he could, 30 miles distant, and several times on Gray River, W. T., 115 miles distant, and seven times at Stella (Oak Point), 60 miles distant. In order to do something for the youth at these outside points services had to be held twice a month when it was possible. For this and other reasons the Superintendent earnestly recommends, that Astoria and Gray River be detached from his charge and placed under the charge of a special missionary. Other points might be taken into the mission. Damascus and Sandy have been without at-

tention for more than a year for the want of some one to occupy the field. A missionary is here needed soon, else our members will be gradually taken up by missionaries of other denominations. The Rev. H. A. Schwichtenberg has taken charge of the St. Peter's charge, which is self-sustaining and is commencing missionary work in Oregon City. The superintendent directs attention to other fields, such as Olympia, Victoria, Walla Walla and other points, where new missions ought to be established at as early a day as possible. The missionary fields in Oregon and Washington Territory are ripe for the harvest.

Portland.—Mr. Schiedt, our missionary at Portland, has been occupied in preaching in Portland and various points,—mission points under the supervision of the superintendent,—in superintending a mission Sunday-school in the suburbs of Portland, and as a teacher in the International Academy at Portland, under the care of the Classis, from which he in part derived his support. Feeling the necessity of further theological training he resigned his position and intends to pursue a full theological course in the seminary at Lancaster. In view of the withdrawal of this valuable laborer from the field, the Executive Council has commissioned the Rev. Theodore G. DeLyre to take his place. He has been instructed to establish a mission in Portland and vicinity, and is permitted to take Prof. Schiedt's place in the school, from which he is to derive part of his support. Mr. DeLyre was a licentiate of Lancaster Classis, and was ordained to the missionary work in Oregon, in St. Stephen's Church, in Lancaster on the 6th of September, leaving for his new sphere of labor on the day following. Appropriation, \$200. Commissioned September, 1885.

Salem.—Two congregations,—Salem and Mt. Pleasant. Members, 38. S. S. scholars, 40. Baptisms,—. Additions, 9. Benevolent objects, \$47. Congregational purposes, about \$250. Value of property, \$4500. Indebtedness, \$700, and interest at nine per cent. Reduction of debt by the congregation, \$50. The \$500 advanced by the board to liquidate the indebtedness has been properly secured by a lien on the church property. The pastor preaches once a month at Mt. Pleasant and at other surrounding points, where the meetings are well attended, and where a new mission may probably be established at no distant day. The congregation at Salem is doing well, and its services are well attended. The Sunday-school is attended by old and young. In the parochial school the young are brought under the influence of the gospel, as well as taught our language and useful knowledge. The ladies meet monthly to work for the congregation, and a Missionstunde has been established, at which missionary topics are discussed. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$175. Pastor, J. Muellhaupt.

West Union, Washington Co.—One congregation and four preaching places. Members, 82. S. S. scholars, 5. Baptisms, 12. Additions, 2. Losses, none. For benevolence, nothing. For congregational purposes, \$69.25. Value of property, \$400. No debt. The members in this mission are poor, but they do what they can for the church, and hear the word of God gladly. The Easter

communion was an occasion of much interest and edification to the people. One individual came twenty miles to connect himself with the church. The pastor receives a meagre support. He and his family are very thankful for the missionary-box which was forwarded to them last winter from the Salem's congregation at Harrisburg, which proved to be very much needed in the family at the time. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, H. Stauss.

Stafford, Clackamas Co.—Three congregations,—Meriden (45 members), St. John's (17) and Waldo Hills (18). In all, 80. Sunday-school scholars, 45. Baptisms, 12. Additions, 30. Losses, 12. For benevolence, \$20. For congregational purposes, \$800. Each of the three congregations has its own house of worship, and one of them a parsonage, worth in all \$2000, without any indebtedness. The statistics show a healthy growth in all the congregations in this mission. The services in the sanctuary have been well attended, and the preaching of the gospel has been effective. Some who had been in the habit of making light of divine things have resumed their place in the church, and now have daily worship around the family altar. This mission has been served by its present pastor since its organization, in 1878. During this period Pastor Lange organized two other congregations,—St. Peter's, near Oregon City, and St. John's, at New Era, which now constitute a self-sustaining charge. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$200. Pastor, Julius Lange, commissioned in 1878.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Seattle.—One congregation. Members, 37. Communed, 18. S. S. scholars, 50. Baptisms, 12. Additions, 15. Losses, 12. For benevolent objects, \$20. For congregational purposes, \$295.50. Value of church property, \$2,500. Indebtedness, \$440. Reduction of indebtedness, \$300. This mission was organized January 1, 1882. The present pastor has been in the field since February, 1884. This mission is a very important one, but it is encompassed with many difficulties. The town is a new one, and the population floating. The German people are worldly-minded, and have, to a great extent, lost their faith in the institutions of the church. Still, some manifest a yearning for the Gospel, and such are drawn gradually towards the mission and its evangelical work. During the past year, amidst difficulties, it has made progress, which, no doubt, will increase as the mission shows that it is to be permanently established. There are German settlements to the north of Seattle, extending up to British Columbia, which are to be visited by the missionary at an early day. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300. Pastor, G. Graedel. Commissioned February 1, 1884.

CHILI, SOUTH AMERICA.

Valparaiso.—Pastor Kreuter has been diligent, in season and out of season, in building up this mission during the past year. He still preaches in a public hall, and seems to be gaining the confidence of the people, who had become distrustful in regard to missionary work among them on account of previous failure

in efforts of this kind. His congregation, with about 25 members, and the Sunday-school are growing. His services in visiting the sick from house to house and in the hospital, have been appreciated, and have helped to draw the attention of the worldly to Christ and His Church. The importance of a Reformed Mission in Chili is difficult to over-estimate. The prospects are that if the beginning here made is properly sustained, the Reformed Church will become the strongest evangelical body in the country. Chili is the land for the Sweitzer and the German farmer. Of the immigration, which is yearly increasing, 71 per cent. are Swiss, and 14 Germans. The steamers from Liverpool arrive twice a month, and nearly every one brings with it a load of immigrants. In two vessels that arrived in one month there were 345 colonists. It is important that several other missionaries should be sent into this field at once, to occupy Santiago, the capital, and other points in the south. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300. Pastor, A. Kreuter. Commissioned April 1, 1884.

NEW YORK.

New York. St. Paul's German Evangelical Church.—One congregation. Members, 225. S. S. scholars, 257. Baptisms, 162. Additions, 17. Funerals, 34. Parochial school with 44 scholars. Sunday-school papers, 200. For benevolence, \$150. For local objects, over \$700. No debt, but a ground-rent of \$475 has to be paid annually. A well-organized missionary and Sunday-school society, weekly prayer-meeting, at which elders take part in prayer, and in the absence of the pastor, conduct the meeting to edification. German service in the forenoon, English in the evening. Both languages used in the Sunday-school and in the catechetical class. The mission is under the care of the Board of the German Synod of the East, but has all along been aided by this Board. The pastor and consistory are at present engaged in an effort to raise money to purchase the lot on which the church stands, for \$10,500, or to purchase and build in some other locality, and have sent forth an appeal to our congregations for help. This forward movement, just at this time, is necessary to the further growth of the mission, and is worthy of the liberal support of our churches, both English and German. Appropriation from this Board last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, F. Fox. Commissioned April 14, 1880.

URSINUS UNION.

From the Treasurer of Ursinus Union, the Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., we learn that he has received \$1486.89 for missions during the past year, which amount was in part devoted to the support of missionaries under different boards of the church, our own included.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From an examination of the books of the Treasurer it appears that the income from all sources during the year for missions to date was \$17,632, and for church extension, \$1089. This is something less than what was reported last year. It is owing to the fact that considerably less passed through the hands

of the treasurer than during the preceding year, when over \$2500 for Kansas missions were reported. During the past year, as usual, a large amount was raised for church extension, which was not reported through the Treasurer. The amount, however, raised for the support of the missions is in excess of what was reported during the previous year. For the year 1883-84, it was \$15,272; for the year 1884-85, it was \$17,682, showing that notwithstanding the dull times, there has been encouraging growth in the liberality of our churches in the support of the missionary cause, the increase being \$2360. It will be more than this when the Treasurer's Report is closed in a few weeks.

For the coming year the Board asks \$22,000 to carry forward our missionary work, and for which we recommend that the Synods apportion among the classes the following amounts:

The Synod of the United States	\$12,000
The Synod of the Potomac	5,500
The Synod of Pittsburgh	4,500

And we further recommend that the sum of at least \$5000 be raised in the three Synods for church extension and church building purposes, either by regular apportionment or in any other way best adapted to secure the end in view: \$2500 by the Synod of the United States; \$1500 by the Synod of the Potomac; \$1000 by the Synod of Pittsburgh.

SUMMARY.	
Number of Missions	64
" " Congregations	102
" " Missionaries	58
" " Members	5,323
" " S. S. Scholars	5,162
Baptisms	606
Additions	755
Losses	251
Amount Collected for Benevolence	\$ 2,014
" " " Local Objects	24,985
Estimated Value of Property	224,524
Indebtedness	20,862
Reduction of Debt	8,247

CONCLUSION.

Thus it appears that with the favor of Divine Providence we have enjoyed another year of prosperity in our missionary operations. Notwithstanding the stringency of the times, our missions have held their own, and in nearly all of them there has been some advance forward. Our congregations and pastors are coming to be more and more of one mind that it is our privilege as well as our duty to supply the destitute—in waste places—with the bread of life. The gifts of our people are increasing in amount from year to year; and it is our

privilege again to say, that the churches in the three eastern Synods, have contributed more freely for missions during the last year than they did during any previous year in their history. For all this it becomes us to humble ourselves, to thank God, to take courage, and to seek to press forward more vigorously in the years as they come and go. It ought, however, be remembered that we have not as yet accomplished what we can easily accomplish, if we were as a people of one mind in the spread of the gospel, which is the chief business of the Christian Church. We have, with the divine blessing, made an encouraging beginning, but there is still a much greater work for us to do as a people. And this we will be willing to do, in the degree in which we are filled with the Spirit of Christ, God thus helping us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 1, 1885.

THEODORE APPEL, *Superintendent.*

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I beg leave to submit my annual report of the finances of the Board for the fiscal year ending October 10th, 1885.

The contributions received for Home Missions, Church Extension and Washington Mission during the year and the disbursements made are shown by the subjoined statement, viz.:

Synod of the United States.

Received of the Classis of Philadelphia	\$272 45
" " Tohickon	637 80
" " Goshenhoppen	727 74
" " East Pennsylvania	1284 42
" " Lebanon	1507 89
" " Schuylkill	206 74
" " Lancaster	757 59
" " East Susquehanna	958 37
" " West Susquehanna	902 28
" " Lehigh	1145 23
Total from the Synod of the United States	———— \$8374 51

Synod of the Potomac.

Received of the Classis of Maryland	\$1307 89
" " Mercersburg	565 41
" " Juniata	1240 29
" " Carlisle	489 06
" " Zion	230 00
" " Gettysburg	580 00
" " Virginia	299 08
" " North Carolina	84 54
" " Iowa	474 74

Received of the Classis of Oregon	7 20
“ “ Kansas	5 00
Total from the Synod of the Potomac	————— \$5288 16

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Received from the Treasurer of Synod	\$3184 99
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Miscellaneous Sources.

From Locke legacy (principal)	\$2288 68
“ “ “ (interest)	159 08
“ Ladies' Missionary Society of Forreston, Ill., per Mrs. John Zollinger	17 00
“ Adalaide Dechant's legacy (interest)	7 20
“ Gerhart legacy (interest)	6 00
“ St. Paul's Evan. Reformed Church, New York City	8 00
“ an unknown lady friend	500 00
“ Ursinus Union	200 00
“ Loans	1000 00
Balance in Treasury Sept. 16, 1884	2675 44
Total from Miscellaneous Sources	————— \$6861 40
Total from all sources	\$23,654 06

Disbursements.

Orders of the Board paid during the year by the Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod and the Treasurer of the Board . . .	\$18,179 58
Loan made to the First Reformed Church of San Francisco, Cal., secured by a judgment	8288 00
Balance in the Treasury, October 10, 1885	2186 48
Total	————— \$28,654 06

*Church Extension Fund.**De.*

To Balance in the Treasury September 16, 1884	\$810 72
To amount received during the year for missions in Kansas and collected for the same by Rev. D. B. Shuey	517 60
To amount received from Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of Mercersburg Classis	87 50
To amount received from Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Treasurer of Lehigh Classis	126 00
To amount received from Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Classis	40 00
To amount received for Church of the Strangers, West Phila- delphia, from Henry Wirt, Hanover, Pa.	100 00

To amount received from Jas. T. Reber, Treas. Schnylkill	
Classis, received of Dr. B. Bausman	50 00
To amount received from Rev. J. A. Peters, Danville, Pa.	25 86
To amount received from Egypt Charge, Lehigh Co., Pa.	15 00
To amount received from Rev. J. G. Dengler	25 00
To amount received from sundry sources and for sundry objects	39 00
Total from all sources	— \$1336 68

Cr.

By amount paid Rev. H. D. Darbaker	\$22 00
By amount paid St. Peter's Church, Oregon	100 00
By amount paid Reformed Church, Seattle, W. T.	15 10
By amount paid Rev. Bausman, Shepherdstown, W. Va.	20 00
By amount paid Rev. G. H. Johnston for use of the Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia	821 86
By amount paid Rev. D. B. Shuey, for Churches in Kansas	470 65
Balance in Treasury October 10, 1885	387 07
Total	— \$1836 68

Washington Mission Fund.

Dr.

To Balance in Treasury September 16, 1884	\$26 00
To amount received from Rev. U. H. Heilman, Treas. Carlisle	
Classis from Landisburg Charge	5 88
To amount received from Rev. I. G. Gerhart, Treas. Tohickon	
Classis, in full of assessment	24 33
To amount received from Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treas. of Mission	
Fund of Ursinus Union, from Rev. Eli Kellar's Charge	12 60
To amount received per Rev. D. B. Mauger, Treas. of Goshen-	
hoppen Classis	98 00
Total from all sources	— \$166 81

Cr.

By amount paid Mrs. A. V. L. Miller, on account of a note	
held by her against the Board	\$100 00
By Balance in Treasury October 10, 1885	66 81
Total	— *\$166 81

Respectfully submitted,

*Harrisburg, Oct. 10, 1885.*WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States to audit the account of William H. Seibert, Treasurer of said Board, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty enjoined upon us and find the said Treasurer's account correct with balances in the several funds as stated within.

GEORGE KUNKLE.

October 12, 1885.

W. H. H. SYNDER.

* West Susquehanna Classis owes \$16 less than stated in Dr. Eschbach's report made to Synod last year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows :

The documents placed in your committee's hands are,—

1. A letter from the President of the Board of Home Missions, transmitting the reports of the other officers.
2. A communication from the Secretary of the Board informing the Synod of certain recent action of the Board taken at its last annual meeting.
3. The printed annual report of the Superintendent of Missions.
4. The eighth annual report of the Treasurer of the Board, including a report on the Washington Chapel Fund, and also of the Church Extension Fund.
5. A brief report from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

I. Home Missions.

From the report of the Superintendent of Missions, your committee learn that the Board has at present under its charge 64 missions, an increase of two during the year. We learn also that one of these missions has become self-supporting during the period covered by the report, and that others are gradually approaching that condition. Six of these missions are reported "vacant."

From the Treasurer's report your committee learn that he has received during the past year from the Synod of the United States, \$8874.51, or \$1185.11, more than last year; from the Synod of the Potomac, \$5283.16, an increase of \$760.80 from the Pittsburgh Synod; \$2184.91, an increase of \$273.61; and from Miscellaneous Sources, \$797.28.

The Treasurer also reports that there was paid out of the treasury of the Pittsburgh Synod and of the Board during the year, the sum of \$18,179.68, and that a loan of \$3288 was granted to the First Reformed Church of San Francisco, Cal., leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$2186.48.

The amount received for church extension from all sources, including a balance of \$310.72 from last year, was \$1836.68, and the disbursements \$949.61, leaving a balance of \$887.07 in the treasury.

The report shows that at the beginning of the year (September 16, 1884), there was a balance of \$26.00 in the Treasury of the Washington Mission Fund. During the year \$140.81 were received from all sources, and after paying \$100 on a note held against the Board by a private individual, there remains in the treasury, \$66.81.

In reference to the Washington Mission Chapel Fund, it appears from the minutes of the Synod of Pottstown (October, 1884), that there was at that time still due from this Synod for that purpose a balance of \$1807.35. The Treasurer's report shows that during the year following amounts were paid, viz. :

From Tobickon Classis (in full)	\$24 88
From Goshenhoppen Classis, from Rev. Eli Keller's charge, per Rev. Dr. F. W. Kremer	12 60
From Treasurer of Goshenhoppen Classis	98 00
From West Susquehanna (per error)	16 00

Total \$150 98

If to this be added the balance of \$26 in the treasury at the beginning of the year (September 16, 1884), it will appear that a balance is still due the Washington Mission Chapel Fund of \$1156.42. This balance is due from the following classes :

East Pennsylvania	\$172 68
Lancaster	81 34
Philadelphia	235 00
Goshenhoppen	338 40
East Susquehanna	342 50
West Susquehanna.	86 50

Total due \$1156 42

On this subject your committee in response to the request of the Board recommends the following action :

Resolved, That the delinquent classes be requested to make speedy payment of this indebtedness.

The Board, through its Superintendent, asks for the sum of \$22,000 to carry forward the missionary work of the year ensuing, and names \$12,000 as the proper proportion for this Synod. The Board also requests that the three Synods jointly raise the sum of \$5000 for church extension and church building purposes, and suggests the sum of \$2500 as the proper sum for this Synod. The Board, therefore, asks for \$14,500 from this Synod for the current year. Your committee recommends that this Synod cheerfully assume this amount, and use every endeavor to raise it promptly, and that it be apportioned among the several classes as follows :

East Pennsylvania	\$1710
Philadelphia	865
Lebanon.	1720
Lancaster	920
East Susquehanna	1790
West Susquehanna	950
Goshenhoppen	1390
Tohickon	1300
Lehigh	2090
Schuylkill	1765

\$14,500

Foreign Missions.

The only document placed in your committee's hands referring to this department of our missionary work is a brief report, presented by the Rev. Dr. T. S. Johnston, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, being a brief summary of the work done during the past year. This document being herewith presented to your reverend body, it is not needful that the various items it contains be again re-

peated. Your committee learn with pleasure that the special blessing of the Lord has crowned our labors in this direction. This is manifest in the fact that of the whole present number of additions to our membership in Japan, very nearly three-fourths have been made during the year; that the Rev. Mr. Hoy was ordained and commissioned at this present meeting for the Foreign Mission field; that two ladies, Miss Lizzie B. Poorbaugh and Miss Mary B. Ault, stand ready to go to Japan as teachers so soon as the requisite means are provided. We deem it a matter calling for special thankfulness on our part, that the political features of the Empire of Japan are so to be changed in 1890 as to more effectually open that great country to the work of the missionary, and thus greatly to enlarge and extend the sphere of our usefulness in that grand field.

In view of these facts your committee suggests the following action:

Resolved I. That we return to the great head of the church our devout thanks for the blessing which He has vouchsafed our missionary work both at home and abroad during the past year.

Resolved II. That we call the attention of all the classes connected with the Synod to the wide field of usefulness now more than ever inviting and claiming our attention.

Resolved III. That we commend the cause both of Home and Foreign Missions to the classes of this Synod, and through the classes to pastors, consistories, Sunday-schools and people, asking all to remember these interests in their prayers, public and private, and that an earnest effort be made throughout this Synod greatly to increase our contributions for this purpose during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

Rev. A. Carl Whitmer was elected by this Synod as Superintendent of Missions of the Tri-Synodic Board.

The following persons were elected as the members to represent this Synod on the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions: Rev. Wm. H. H. Snyder, John A. Peters, Isaac K. Loos, D.D., John H. Sechler, George Wolff, D.D., D. S. Keller and William H. Seibert.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, and also the Report of the Treasurer of Synod were received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance. The following is the Report of the Board of Trustees:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened at Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa., on the second Wednesday of October, 1885.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Trustees beg leave to present the following report. The Board is composed of the following members:

Elder Rudolph F. Kelker, whose term expires January 1, 1886.

" John F. Orth, " " " " " 1887.

Rev. J. E. Hiester, D.D., " " " " " 1888.

Elder John Meily, " " " " " 1889.

Rev. John W. Steinmetz, " " " " " 1890.

As Elder Rudolph F. Kelker's term expires on the 1st January, 1886, we propose, in obedience to requirement of the charter, the names of Elders J. J. Nissley and D. B. Manger as suitable candidates to fill said vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. ORTH, *President.*

JOHN MEILY, *Treasurer.* In account with the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

1884.	DR.	
Oct. 6.	To Balance in hand	\$ 20 78
1885.		
Jan. 9.	" Cash from Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D., Treas. Lebanon Classis	50 00
May 13.	" Cash from W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susquehanna Classis	14 95
" 28.	" Cash from Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D., Treas. Lebanon Classis	65 00
June 2.	" Cash from Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis, 1881 and 1882	89 00
Sep. 10.	" Cash from W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susquehanna Classis	33 05
" 12.	" Cash from Rev. N. S. Strassburger, D.D., Treas. Lehigh Classis	40 00
" 18.	" Cash from Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis	26 00
" 22.	" Cash from Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis	32 00
" 29.	" Cash from D. B. Manger, Treas. Goshenhoppen Classis	32 00
" 30.	" Cash from I. G. Gerhart, Treas. Tohickon Classis .	32 00
Oct. 1.	" Cash from H. C. Hoover, Treas. Philadelphia Classis	24 00
		\$458 78

1884.	Cr.	
Oct. 6.	By Cash paid Rev. J. E. Hiester, D.D., traveling expenses . \$	95
" " "	" " John F. Orth, traveling expenses	2 85
1885.	By Cash paid John Meily	3 45
Jan. 2.	" " " Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., Committee on Tract entitled "Additional Professorships in Theological Seminary	15 00
" 23.	" Cash paid Rev. John P. Stein, as stated clerk and trans- lating minutes, &c.	45 00
May 28.	" Cash paid Rev. John P. Stein, balance on account . . .	69 60
June 3.	" " " Reformed Publication Board account	100 00
Sep. 14.	" " " " " " on "	70 00
" 24.	" " " " " " " " "	60 00
	Balance	92 44
		<u>\$458 78</u>

SEMINARY AND GERHART FUND.

1885.	Dr.	
Feb. 3.	To Cash six mos. int. Gerhart Legacy, \$800, Harris- burg city bonds	\$ 9 00
" 14.	" Cash Isaac Mumma, six mos. int. part Kieffer Legacy	125 00
Mar. 24.	" Cash Leonard Mounts, six mos. int. part Kieffer Legacy	112 50
Aug. 15.	" Cash Isaac Mumma, six mos. int. part Kieffer Legacy	125 00
Sep. 10.	" Cash six mos. int. Gerhart Legacy, \$800, Harris- burg city bonds	9 00
" 26.	" Cash C. R. Sherk, six mos. int. part Cook Legacy . . .	80 00
" 30.	" " Leonard Mounts, six mos. int. part Kieffer Legacy	112 50
1885.	Cr.	
Apr. 2.	By Cash paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., six mos. int. part Kieffer Legacy	\$125 00
" " "	" Cash to same, six mos. int. Kieffer Legacy . . .	112 50
Sep. 14.	" " R. F. Kelker, Treas. Foreign Missions, twelve mos. int., \$100, Gerhart Legacy	6 00
" " "	" Cash W. H. Seibert, Treas. Home Missions, twelve mos. int., \$100, Gerhart Legacy	6 00
" " "	" Cash Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, Treas. Board of Edu- cation, \$100, Gerhart Legacy	6 00
	Balance	267 50
		<u>\$528 00</u> <u>\$528 00</u>

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

1884.	Dr.		
Oct. 6.	To balance in hand	\$385 68	
1885.	Cr.		
Mar. 31.	By Cash paid Wm. H. Seibert, Treas. Home Mis- sions, on account of a loan		\$385 68
		<u>\$385 68</u>	<u>\$385 68</u>

GELBACH CLAIM.

1884.	Dr.		
Oct. 6.	To balance in hand	\$ 85 00	
1885.			
Sep. 10.	" Cash from W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susquehanna Classis	18 88	
" 22.	" Cash from Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis	80 00	
" 26.	" Cash from Geo. Hill, Treas. East Susquehanna Classis	80 00	
1884.	Cr.		
Oct. 17.	By Cash paid W. D. Gross, Treas. General Synod .		85 00
	Balance		128 88
		<u>\$218 88</u>	<u>\$218 88</u>

CONTINGENT FUND OF GENERAL SYNOD.

1885.	Dr.		
Sep. 10.	To Cash from W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susquehanna Classis	\$ 80 00	
" 18.	" Cash Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis	50 00	
" 22.	" Cash Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis	100 00	
" 29.	" " D. B. Mauger, Treas. Goshenhoppen Classis	80 00	
" 30.	" " I. G. Gerhart, Treas. Tohickon Classis . .	80 00	
	Balance		\$340 00
		<u>\$840 00</u>	<u>\$840 00</u>

COOK LEGACY.

1884.	Dr.		
Oct. 6.	To balance in hand	\$1,200 00	
1884.	Cr.		
Nov. 1.	By Cash loaned C. Penrose Sherk, first mort- gage, five per cent. int., payable semi- annually		\$1,200 00
		<u>\$1,200 00</u>	<u>\$1,200 00</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted,
Lebanon, Oct. 6, 1885.

JOHN MEELY, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees of Synod, have examined the within and foregoing account of Elder John Meily, Treas., and find the same to be correct.

JOHN W. STEINMETZ, }
 RUDOLPH F. KRELKER, } *Committee.*

SUMMARY.

Balance Contingent Fund account	\$ 92 43
" Seminary and Gerhart Fund	267 50
" Sinking Fund account	
" Gelbach Claim	128 88
" Contingent Fund of General Synod	340 00
" Cook Legacy	
	\$828 81

CONTINGENT FUND OF THE SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

Amounts unpaid at time of making statement for Synod, October 6, 1885.		
1885	Lebanon Classis	\$ 64.00
	East Susquehanna Classis	32.00
	Paid in since rendering statement.	— \$96.00
Oct. 10.	By Cash Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D.	82.00
	Treasurer Lebanon Classis	—
	Balance	\$64.00

ARREARS ON CONTINGENT FUND.

UNPAID.

Lebanon Classis 1881-82	\$ 67.00
East Susquehanna Classis 1882	22.00
	— \$ 89.00
Balance due Contingent Fund	148.00
Sufficient to pay balance due Reformed Publication	
Board. The amount of said balance is	180.00
	— \$278.00
	\$362.00

This does not include a charge made for interest of
 \$11.62 to July 8, 1885.

In regard to Sinking Fund, I respectfully refer you to proceedings of Synod at Pottstown, 1884. Page 56.

"Not one cent" has been received by the Treasurer on account of said Fund.

CONTINGENT FUND OF GENERAL SYNOD UNPAID AT TIME OF MAKING STATEMENT,
OCTOBER 6, 1885.

Lebanon Classis	\$180.00
Philadelphia Classis	60.00
East Susquehanna Classis	100.00
West Susquehanna Classis	Balance 30.00
Lehigh Classis	110.00
	\$480.00

PAID IN SINCE RENDERING STATEMENT.

Oct. 10. By Cash Rev. Thos. S. Johnston, D.D., Treasurer Lebanon Classis	90.00
Balance due	\$390.00

ARRARAGES ON GELBACH CLAIM AND INTEREST ON SAME UNPAID OCTOBER 6, 1885.

East Pennsylvania Classis	\$50.00
Philadelphia Classis	96.00
Goshenhoppen Classis	11.20
East Susquehanna Classis	48.00
	\$205.20

Since making up within statements, have received from James T. Reber, Treasurer Schuylkill Classis, as follows:

On Acct., Contingent Fund, General Synod	\$90.00
“ “ District “	82.00
	\$122.00

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report. It was taken up item by item and adopted. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Finance reports as follows:

The items referred to us are,—

- I. The Report of the Treasurer of Synod.
- II. The \$550.00 assumed by Synod to repair the Seminary property at Lancaster, Pa.

From the report of the Treasurer of Synod we learn,

a. That it was audited by a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of Synod,

b. That all the Classes have paid in full their last year's apportionment for contingent expenses of Synod, except the Classes of Lebanon and East Susquehanna.

c. That the following balances are in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, viz.:

of the Contingent Fund of Synod	\$ 92.43
of the Seminary and Gerhard Fund	267.50
for the Gelbach claim	123.38
for the contingent expenses of General Synod	\$40.00

d. That the unpaid assessments for contingent expenses of Synod amount to \$153.00.

e. That the unpaid assessments for contingent expenses of General Synod amount to \$480.00. (Of this amount, however, \$90.00 were received from the Treasurer of the Classis of Lebanon, since the Treasurer of Synod "rendered his statement" and his report was audited).

The unpaid apportionments for the Gelbach claim and interest are as follows:

Classis of East Pennsylvania	\$90.00
Classis of Philadelphia	96.00
Classis of Goshenhoppen	11.20
Classis of East Susquehanna	48.00
	\$245.20

The unpaid assessments for the contingent expenses of General Synod are as follows:

Classis of Lebanon	\$ 90.00
" Philadelphia	60.00
" East Susquehanna	100.00
" West Susquehanna	80.00
" Lehigh	110.00
	\$890.00

(Since the Treasurer of Synod rendered "his statement," James T. Reber, Treasurer of the Classis of Schuylkill, paid him \$90.00 for contingent expenses of General Synod, which is the one-half of this Classis assessment for this Fund).

The unpaid assessments for the contingent expenses of Synod, are as follows:

Classis of East Susquehanna	1882	\$22.00	
" "	1884	32.00	
			\$54.00
" Lebanon	1881-1882	67.00	
" "	1884	32.00	
			99.00
			\$158.00

(Since the Treasurer of Synod rendered "his statement," James T. Reber, Treasurer of the Classis of Schuylkill, paid him \$82.00 for the contingent expenses of Synod, which is the one-half of this Classis apportionment for this Fund for the year 1884).

Your Committee estimated the contingent expenses of Synod for the year, to be \$500.00, which, and the \$550.00 assumed to repair the Seminary property at Lancaster, Pa., are apportioned among the Classes on the basis of communicant members reported, the former at 8 5-10 mills, and the latter at 9 8-10 mills per member, as follows:

	Contingent expenses of Synod.	Relief Fund and repairing Seminary property.
Classis of East Pennsylvania	\$59	\$65
“ Philadelphia ?	30	33
“ Lebanon	59	65
“ Lancaster	32	35
“ East Susquehanna	63	69
“ West Susquehanna	38	36
“ Goshenhoppen	47	51
“ Tohickon	47	51
“ Lehigh	72	79
“ Schuylkill	61	67
	\$503	\$551

“Not one cent” having been received by the Treasurer for the Sinking Fund of Synod during the year, the unpaid apportionments for this Fund remain the same as they were a year ago, viz. :

Lebanon Classis	1881	\$108.00	
“	1882	240.00	
			\$348.00
East Pennsylvania	1881	72.25	
“	1882	100.00	
			172.00
			\$520.00

(See Minutes of Synod U. S., 1884, p. 56).

Your Committee recommends the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That Synod requests the delinquent Classes to make speedy payment of their respective arrearages of their apportionments for contingent expenses of Synod, for contingent expenses of General Synod, for the Gelbach claim and interest and for the Sinking Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. STRASSBURGER, *Chairman*.

As there is a discrepancy between the account of Treasurer of East Pennsylvania Classis and the account of Treasurer of Board of Missions concerning the Gelbach claim, it was resolved that this item in the report of Committee on Finance be referred to a committee consisting of the Treasurer of Synod, the Treasurer of the Board of Missions and the Treasurer of East Pennsylvania Classis for examination, and that the results of the investigation be reported to this Synod. And further

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Synod and the Treasurer of General Synod be requested to pay all moneys received on the Gelbach claim into the treasury of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions.

The committee appointed by the President, consisting of Elders Jones Detweiler and Daniel Shepp to collect the sum of twenty-five cents from each delegate submitted its report, which was adopted. The committee reports that the duty was attended to, and that \$17.50 were collected and paid into the hands of the pastor of this Church.

Resolved, That the salary of the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States be one hundred and fifty dollars instead of one hundred as heretofore.

Elder J. J. Nissley was elected to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

In the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Classes under the head of Appeals, the first item was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. J. H. A. Bomberger, J. B. Shumaker, F. C. Yost, and Elders Robert Patterson and D. Clinger, who subsequently reported the following action, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Appeal of Rev. J. M. Hartzel from the action of the Classis of Tohickon, beg leave to report that the Committee find the Appeal taken in regular form according to requirements of Constitution.

It is therefore recommended that the case be made the order of the day for Monday at 9 A. M., and in the following manner:

1. The papers proper to the case to be read.
2. The appellant to be allowed thirty minutes in vindication of his appeal.
3. The respondent or Classis to follow and be allowed forty-five minutes in its defense.
4. The appellant shall be allowed fifteen minutes to respond.
5. The matter then to be submitted to Synod; each member desiring to speak being allowed five minutes, after which the vote to be taken in the usual form.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. A. BOMBERGER.

After the reading of the papers proper in the case the above order was laid on the table and the following resolution was received and adopted:

Resolved, 1. That inasmuch as at this stage of the proceedings in the matter of

the Hartzel's Appeal Case it is evident to this body that the Tohickon Classis was somewhat irregular, we do therefore refer the matter back to the Classis for readjudication.

A REFERENCE OF LEBANON CLASSIS TO SYNOD IN REGARD TO ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BETHEL TOWNSHIP, LEBANON CO., PA.

The fifth item in the Report on Overtures was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. D. E. Klopp, D.D., T. O. Stem, F. C. Yost, Elder J. Rader and William Moyer, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee to whom was referred the request of the delegation from Lebanon Classis to give a deliverance in regard to the action of that Classis in the matter of the difficulty of St. Paul's (Klopp's) Reformed Church, having examined the action of Lebanon Classis, the original deed devising certain property to the sole use of the Reformed Church forever, and other papers, and having heard other statements of brethren, begs leave respectfully to report the following action :

It is the judgment of this Synod that the Lebanon Classis has acted wisely and adjudicated properly, and in accordance with the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, in recognizing and acknowledging the consistory and congregation which filled the vacancies in the consistory that was constituted May 9, 1885, as the regular, legal Reformed Congregation of St. Paul's Church (known as Klopp's). Bethel Township, Lebanon County, Pa.; and further, this Synod approves the action of the Classis in prohibiting any Reformed minister from serving the disaffected part of said congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. KLOPP, *Chairman.*

THE REQUEST OF PETITIONERS IN BEHALF OF R. A. VAN CORT.

The third item from the report of Committee on Overtures was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. D. O. Shoemaker, D. E. Klopp, J. B. Shumaker, Elders George W. Hensel and H. F. Troutman, who submitted the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee to whom was referred the petitions asking for the restoration of R. A. Van Cort to the Christian Ministry, beg leave to report, that, after carefully considering the petitions, along with other data brought to their notice, the following action is recommended :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod refuses to grant the request of the petitioners, or to take any action which points toward the restoration of R. A. Van Cort to the Holy Ministry at this time.

2. *Resolved*, That should the petitioner, R. A. Van Cort, at any time in the future be obedient to the requirements of the word of God and the Constitution

of the Reformed Church, the Goshenhoppen Classis may take action in the matter; and to that end Synod grants its full power, if such power should be required.

Respectfully submitted,

D. O. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

The fourth item in the Report of the Committee on Overtures was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. D. Van Horne, Charles G. Fisher and Elder Jno. F. Orth, who submitted the following report, which was adopted :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the complaint of Rev. George A. Zellers, against the Classis of Lebanon, beg leave respectfully to report that they have given attention to the matter entrusted to them, and find that the following are the facts in the case, viz. :

At the last Annual Meeting of the Lebanon Classis before the division, (i. e., in 1884), pledges were given in aid of a beneficiary student named George A. Luckenbill, to the extent of \$175. The fact that this sum was pledged by members of the Classis was recorded by the stated clerk, but not the names of those giving pledges or amounts they individually pledged. Accordingly, the Classis, at its last annual session, did not call the roll and ascertain what members had fulfilled the pledge.

The Treasurer of Classis, however, seems to have kept a memorandum of the persons making the pledges and the amounts pledged, and from this it is ascertained that \$38 85 of the whole amount had not yet been paid towards the student's support. In view of these facts we present the following resolution for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod, the Treasurer of Lebanon Classis, as it existed before the division, ought to make earnest effort to have the pledges in favor of Bro. Luckenbill, made at the annual meeting in 1884, redeemed at the earliest possible date, that the brother may be paid the amount promised without delay.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of a Classis to hold its clergy responsible for the payment of all pledges given by them. Respectfully submitted.

DAVID VAN HORNE.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

No special action was taken on this subject. Addresses were delivered to the Sunday-school on Sunday afternoon as reported by Committee on Religious Services.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

I. REPORT OF BOARD.

To the Synods in the United States, Pittsburgh and Potomac. The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States would respectfully submit the following Report:—

The Board held three regular sessions during the year. The Officers of the preceding year were continued, viz.:—George Gelbach, Esq., *President*, and Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

From the Annual Statement submitted by the *Superintendent*, Rev. Charles G. Fisher, at the last meeting, September 3d, is to be gathered the following:—

AMOUNT OF BUSINESS FOR 1885:

Subscriptions in Periodical Department	\$25,650.00	
Sales in Book Department	16,746.87	
Total		\$42,396.87

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31st, 1885:

From Periodicals.	\$23,311.29	
" Book Store	14,919.23	
" Rents	518.00	
" Collections	248.00	
" Miscellaneous Sources.	701.08	
Total Receipts.		\$39,697.60

DISBURSEMENTS:

Loans, etc., paid.	\$150.00	
Printing, Paper and Binding.	19,123.41	
Interest	2,528.60	
Commissions	863.54	
• Merchandise	4,894.54	
Salaries.	6,350.90	
Taxes and Insurance.	1,015.00	
Postage and Expressage	750.90	
Miscellaneous.	2,984.64	
Total Disbursements.		\$38,661.53
Excess of Receipts.		\$1,036.07

LIABILITIES—1885:

Notes on which Interest is paid.	\$27,361.90	
Mortgage on Building	15,000.00	
Miscellaneous.	6,277.66	
Total 1885		\$48,639.56
Liabilities 1884		47,340.60
Increase of Liabilities.		\$1,298.96

ASSETS, 1885:

As estimated by Committee:

Book Accounts	\$3,925.00
Periodical Accounts	13,841.00
Stock in Store	5,627.69
Books in Sheets	3,451.00
Paper on Hand	506.00
Stereotype Plates	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	4,829.00
Real Estate	35,000.00
Total 1885.	\$70,679.69
Total 1884.	68,896.93
Increase of Assets	\$1,782.76
Assets.	\$70,679.69
Liabilities, ...	48,639.56
Excess of Assets.	\$22,040.13

The Committee appointed to examine Stock, etc., submitted the following report, which was adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, September 3d, 1885.

To the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States: Your Committee appointed to take account of Stock and examine into the Accounts of the Board, beg leave to offer the following as our report:—

1st. We have carefully gone over the books and other stock in the store, and made an estimate of what we believe to be their actual value as set forth in the Superintendent's report. While there are still some unsalable goods on hand, as there always will be, yet the bulk of our stock is fresh and in good condition.

2d. We find nearly \$20,000 due on book and periodical accounts (exclusive of nearly \$4,000 of long standing and very little of which can be collected). It goes without saying that, to lose the interest on so large an amount due us, and then pay interest to others for the use of a like amount, consumes a very large share of our profits. We recommend that our Superintendent send a special appeal, in the name of the Board, urging delinquents to pay up their accounts, since by their neglect to do so they are embarrassing and crippling our operations.

3d. We are glad to report that the receipts of the establishment have exceeded the disbursements by over \$1,000.

4th. There has been an increase of about \$1,300 in liabilities, and an increase of nearly \$1,800 in assets over last year.

Of course, our assets may be worth considerably more than we estimate them, but it is always best to be on the safe side.

On the whole, we regard the affairs of the Board as being in a very satisfactory condition, notwithstanding the general depression of the times, and we believe that the superintendent and employees have all done their work faithfully and well.

In view of the large amount needed to meet interest indebtedness (for which

this Board is not responsible), we would ask the Synods to urge their congregations to contribute by collections or otherwise, annually, and as liberally as possible, to meet this necessity.

G. S. GRIFFITH,
GEO. GELBACH,
J. W. LOVE.

The report of the Superintendent also shows that during the year there has been a slight falling off in the number of subscribers to the Church periodicals, and a marked increase in that of the Sunday-school, with one exception. The cause for the decrease in the former is to be accounted for, doubtless, in the stringency of the times, and the failure of pastors and others to see that subscribers continue their subscriptions, or to interest themselves so much as to have their members generally become readers of the Church paper. The reason for the great increase in the latter is, no doubt, chiefly owing to the growing desire to have the helps of our own Church used in the schools instead of those issued by outside irresponsible persons. There is still room for a greater circulation of them, and it is to be hoped that at no distant day there will not be a single school within our bounds that does not use the helps issued by your Board.

In the Book Department a fair and careful business has been done during the year, the times affecting its sales also to some extent. The number of books, tracts and services of different kinds printed for this department during the year was 52,450.

In reference to the matter of transferring the management of the Publishing Interests to a company of private individuals referred to the Board by the Synods—United States and Potomac—at their respective meetings last October, the Board, after duly considering the whole subject at its meeting in December last, unanimously concluded that in its judgment it was not advisable to recommend such a transfer. Its reasons for coming to such a conclusion were duly published in full in *The Messenger* of December 10th, 1884.

Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, Synodical Editor of Pittsburgh Synod, having resigned that position in consequence of his removal from the bounds of the Synod, and his resignation being accepted by the Board, Rev. D. B. Lady, of Curllsville, Pa., was elected to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of the Synod. It will, therefore, devolve upon that Synod to fill, by election, this vacancy then occurring.

Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D.D., offered his resignation as Editor of "The Guardian," to take effect at the end of the present year. The Board, with regret, accepted the same, and unanimously elected Rev. H. M. Kieffer, of Easton, Pa., his successor.

The term of James T. Reber, Trustee from the Synod of the United States, and that of Rev. J. W. Love, of the Synod of Pittsburgh, expiring at the end of the present year, the Synods named will therefore have to fill the vacancies that will thus occur in the Board at their coming annual sessions.

CHAS. G. FISHER, *Secretary*. GEO. GELBACH, *President*.
Philadelphia, Pa., 907 Arch St., Sept. 14, 1884.

The Standing Committee on Publication, to whom the foregoing report was referred, submitted the following report, which was taken up item by item and adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication respectfully presents to Synod the following report:—

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication is the only document placed in the hands of your Committee. The Board unanimously concluded that in its judgment it was not advisable to transfer the management of the Publication interests to a company of private individuals. For the year just closed the liabilities have been increased by \$1,298.96. The assets have also increased \$1,782.76, showing an increase of assets, over increase of liabilities, \$483.80. At the present time the sum total of liabilities is \$48,639.56, and the excess of assets over liabilities amounts to \$22,040.18.

The Committee appointed to take account of stock, and examine into the account of the Board, express themselves as finding the affairs in a very satisfactory condition, notwithstanding the general depression of the times, and are of the opinion that the superintendent and employees have all done their work faithfully and well. But the lamentable condition of affairs that lay as an incubus upon the publication interests is still a burden that retards all prospects of speedy relief.

The large amount paid for interest on the debt that should have been cancelled if the action of Synod, after the heavy loss at Chambersburg, had been carried out, and the large amount due from ministers, elders and laymen, on book accounts and subscriptions for the periodicals, thus losing the interest on said dues and paying interest on money borrowed in consequence for carrying on the publication interest is a continual drain of over \$3000 yearly that embarrasses the Board.

In view of these facts your Committee would submit the following proposed action:—

1. *Resolved* that this Synod instructs the Classes to adopt such measures on this subject as will secure a prompt payment of subscriptions.

2. *Resolved*, that the Board of Publication be instructed to compel all delinquents to pay up their respective amounts due on books and periodicals at as early a day as possible.

3. *Resolved*, that the Board of Publication be instructed not to allow any credits on either book or periodical accounts.

4. *Resolved*, that Synod directs the several classes to request its pastors earnestly to assist the Board in its efforts to lessen the danger of loss in this direction.

5. *Resolved*, that we renew the recommendation to classes, consistories and pastors to secure large subscription lists to the Messenger and other periodicals of the Church, and that the several classes shall consider it a duty to make proper inquiries at their meetings whether the matter has been attended to.

The term of James T. Reber, Trustee, from the Synod of the United States, expires at the end of the present year, consequently there will be a vacancy in the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. MORA, Chairman.

Resolved, that in addition to the action of the Synod of Bellefonte, in regard to the distribution of the minutes of Synod, the several classes be directed to instruct the pastors, in preparing their annual statistical reports, not to ask more than twice as many copies of the minutes as there are members in the consistories of their several charges.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have printed, for distribution, three thousand four hundred copies of Minutes of Synod, equal to the number of copies called for by the several Classes, as well as a sufficient number for distribution to ministers of Reformed Church.

James T. Reber was elected a member of the Board of Publication.

Members of the Board of Publication, George Gelbach, G. W. Hensel and J. T. Reber.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The rules of order adopted one year ago, with the exception of the seventh item, were followed for the first time in the government of this Synod. Having not appeared in the published minutes of this Synod, they are inserted here for future use at its annual sessions.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. Organization, etc.

1. The President shall take the chair at the hour to which the Judicatory had been adjourned, immediately call the members to order, and open the session with the prescribed religious services.

2. In the absence of the President, the Stated Clerk shall call the members to order, and put in nomination a President *pro tem.*, who shall preside until the President is present, or until an election has been held. Should the President and the Stated Clerk both be absent, then the oldest minister present shall perform this office.

3. The roll shall then be called, on which the names of all those entitled to a seat and having proper credentials shall have been entered, and about whose right there is no contest. If a quorum be present, the Judicatory may proceed to business; but if not, any two members present may adjourn from time to time to give opportunity for a quorum to assemble.

4. If a contest be made as to the right of any one claiming a seat, or there be present two or more sets of delegates from a lower Judicatory, the matter shall at once be referred to a committee, who shall examine into the case, and report at the earliest possible time.

5. As soon as an organization has been fully effected, an election shall be held for such officers as may be required by the Constitution of the Church or the custom of the Judicatory.

6. The limits which define the Bar of the House shall be determined immediately on the organization, by the President, and no one without it shall be able to use any right of a member of the Judicatory.

7. A quorum to transact business in any Judicatory shall consist of a majority of the members representing a majority of the lower courts composing it.

II. Duties of the President.

8. When the president has opened the session, and finds a quorum present after the first day, he shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read, and, if necessary, to be corrected, when he shall declare them approved; and before the final adjournment the remaining proceedings shall be read and corrected; and when no further corrections are required the president shall say: "Shall the minutes be now approved?" If no objections be made, he shall declare them to stand approved.

9. He shall preserve order, guard against the violation of the Constitution of the Church and the Rules of Order, and endeavor to conduct all business to a speedy and proper conclusion.

10. He shall, as soon as possible after the organization has been effected, appoint the several standing committees required for the prompt accomplishment of the business before the Judicatory to the number designated by the constitution or its custom; and, unless otherwise provided for, he shall appoint all temporary committees that may be called for in the process of business.

11. He shall keep exact account of all items of business that have been laid over or assigned to a particular day, and call them up at the proper time.

12. He shall receive all minutes, reports, communications, &c.,

addressed to or intended for the Judicatory, and with its consent refer them to their appropriate committees.

13. He shall sign the minutes and all addresses or circulars, etc., issued by the Judicatory, and decide all questions of order subject to an appeal.

14. He may state a question sitting, but shall rise to put it, and in this form: "As many as are in favor (as the question may be) say 'aye.'" After the affirmation is expressed,—“As many as are opposed say 'no.'” If in doubt as to the results, or a division is called for, those voting in the affirmative shall rise, stand and be counted; after which those voting in the negative shall also rise, stand and be counted, when the president shall announce the result.

15. The president shall vote in all cases when the vote is by ballot, or when his vote be decisive. In all cases of a tie the question shall be lost.

III. Duties of the Stated Clerk.

16. The Stated Clerk shall have prepared in advance of the time of the meeting of the Judicatory a complete roll of its members, and as soon as possible perfect a roll of those members present for the use of the president.

17. He shall make a correct and concise minute of all its proceedings, and carefully preserve the same. He shall, if required, make up a correct and authenticated copy of the same, and transmit the same in due time to the higher Judicatory for review. He shall read all papers by order of the president; shall publish due notice of the time and place of all stated meetings, and, by order of the president, of all special meetings.

18. No memorial, communication or other paper confided to his care shall be withdrawn from the files without the warrant of the Judicatory.

19. He shall make a digest of the legislative actions, and all decisions made on constitutional questions, or the Rule of Order, by the Judicatory, for convenient reference.

IV. The Order of Business.

*20. After the minutes have been read and approved, an oppor-

* NOTE.—As an error occurred in the committee's consecutive numbering of these Rules of Order, by passing from 19 to 21, and perpetuated the same in the copy printed under its supervision during the meeting of the General Synod at Baltimore, it became

tunity shall be given to announce the presence of recently arrived members or *secundi*, in order that they may be recognized.

21. Business unfinished at a previous session shall be first taken up, unless a special order has been set for that hour.

22. Reports from permanent committees shall have precedence, except in cases where a matter has been set for a special hour.

V. Members—Their Rights and Duties.

23. Every member shall be present within the *Bar of the House* while the Judicatory is in session, unless excused or necessarily prevented, and shall vote on each question put, unless previously excused, or unless he has a direct personal or pecuniary interest in the determination of such question.

24. Every member, in speaking, shall rise and address himself respectfully to the president, and, being recognized, may proceed to address the Judicatory. He shall treat his fellow-members, and especially the president, with decorum and respect, confining himself to the subject under discussion, and avoiding all personalities.

25. During the transaction of business members shall not engage in private conversation; nor in debate shall one address himself to another, or to any one present except the president.

26. When two or more members rise at the same time, the president shall name the one who is first to speak. No member shall speak more than twice, nor longer than one hour, on the same question, unless by unanimous consent. The chairman of a committee, however, may open and also close when general debate has been had on a motion reported by him. A member who has spoken to the main question may speak again to an amendment.

27. When any member, in speaking otherwise, shall transgress the Rules of Order, or deviate from the subject under discussion, or in any way act disorderly, the president shall, or any member may, call him to order, when he shall immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, when, if the Judicatory be satisfied, he may proceed in order; but if the case require it, he shall be liable to censure or reprimand.

necessary to correct the numbering after section 19. This correction changed 21 to 20, 22 to 21, and so on throughout, making the total number of sections 71 instead of 72. The reader will please observe this change in comparing the copy in the printed Minutes with that printed in pamphlet form at Baltimore.

Stated Clerk.

28. No member when speaking shall be liable to interruption, except with his permission or for the purpose of correcting a mistake or a misrepresentation.

29. While the president is putting a question, or a member is speaking, no one shall pass between the president and the speaker, or walk across the floor.

30. No motion can be made while a member is speaking, or after the president has begun to take a vote.

31. A member may change his vote if it be done before the president has announced the result, or afterward in a case where it will not affect the result.

VI. Committees—Their Powers.

32. The first-named member on each committee shall be the chairman, unless the committee prefer to elect their own chairman. In the absence or refusal of the first-named member to preside, the second member on the committee shall take his place, and so on as often as a vacancy may occur.

33. A committee to whom papers have been referred shall return them with its report; and no paper can go before a committee, or become matter for its action, unless it has been properly referred to it.

34. A majority of a committee constitutes a quorum, and only can make a report. A minority may submit its views in writing, or any member may submit a motion that contains the view of such minority.

35. A committee may appoint one or more sub-committees in order to facilitate its work, by thus distributing it among its several members, but the final report must come from the whole committee.

36. All special committees when they have made their report and it is received, are by this act discharged; but a matter may be re-committed to the same committee, or it may be revived for another purpose.

37. No one who has decidedly spoken against a matter shall be of the special committee to whom it may be referred.

38. A Judiciary may at any time resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider any special matter, when the president shall name some one to preside, and vacate the chair. Such committee

may rise at any time, when the president shall resume the chair, and the chairman of the committee shall report its action, or report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

VII. Motions—Their Precedence.

39. Every motion made to a Judicatory and entertained by the president shall, on the demand of any member, be reduced to writing. The president shall then state the question, or cause it to be read by the clerk before being debated, and it shall then be in possession of the house, but may be withdrawn at any time before it has been amended or a decision had upon it.

40. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained, but—

- (a.) To adjourn.
- (b.) To take recess.
- (c.) To lie on the table.
- (d.) To take the previous question.
- (e.) To postpone to a day certain.
- (f.) To refer or commit.
- (g.) To amend.
- (h.) To postpone indefinitely.

These several motions shall have precedence in the order named; and no motion to refer, postpone to a certain day, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be allowed again on the same day at the same stage of the question.

41. On the demand of any member before a question is put, it shall be divided, if it includes two distinct substantive propositions, but a motion to strike out and insert is not divisible.

42. When different motions are made with respect to filling blanks, the longest time and the largest sum shall be first put.

43. No motion shall be considered as before the House unless it has been seconded and the mover recognized by the president.

VIII. Amendments.

44. When a motion or proposition is under consideration, a motion to amend and a motion to amend that amendment shall be in order, and it shall also be in order to offer a further amendment in the form of a substitute for the entire proposition, and to this sub-

stitute an amendment may be offered, but which shall not be voted upon until the original motion is perfected.

45. A motion to amend cannot be modified after the previous question is seconded.

46. An amendment to the Rules of Order shall not be entertained unless it be seconded by a majority of the members present.

IX. Reconsideration.

47. When a motion or resolution has been offered and carried or lost, it shall be in order for any member (who has voted with the majority on the same or succeeding day) to move the reconsideration thereof, and such motion shall take precedence of all motions, except to adjourn or to take recess.

48. A motion to reconsider is not debatable, unless the question proposed was debatable.

X. The Previous Question.

49. The previous question on any motion, after a reasonable time has been allowed to discuss it, may be called. The call, to be entertained, must be made by at least one-fifth of the members present, rising in their places for the purpose. The previous question shall be in this form: Shall the main question be now put? And until it is decided, it shall preclude all further amendments or debate on the main question. The effect of this motion, when sustained, shall be to bring the Judicatory to a direct vote on all the amendments then pending in their proper order, and on the main question itself.

50. The previous question shall apply in cases of privilege, as in other cases.

XI. Questions of Privilege.

51. Questions of privilege shall be: 1. Those affecting the rights of the Judicatory collectively; its safety, dignity and the integrity of its proceedings. 2. The rights, the reputation and conduct of the members individually in their representative capacity. And shall have precedence of all questions, except to adjourn and take recess.

52. It shall not be a matter of privilege to have received and entered upon the minutes a protest of a member or members against the action of a Judicatory.

53. Any member who may feel himself personally aggrieved by the action of a Judicatory may, if he require it, have the ayes and nays recorded on the matter of grievance.

XII. Appeals.

54. An appeal from the decision of the president on any point of order may be taken by any member, who may briefly state the reasons for his appeal, and to which the president may reply, if he deem it needful, and the vote shall be taken without further debate. The form of stating the question shall be: "*Shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the Judicatory?*"

55. A question of appeal cannot be reconsidered after other business has been done.

56. An appeal is not in order while another appeal is pending.

XIII. The Motion to Lie on the Table.

57. The motion to lie on the table may be used to make room for more important matters, in order to take up the matter at a more convenient time, or quickly to make a final disposition of it.

58. This motion takes precedence of all other motions, except to adjourn and take recess, and shall be decided without debate.

59. All that adheres to the subject of all the motion goes on the table with it except it be on a motion to correct the minutes.

60. When this motion is made and lost, it cannot again be made until some change or alteration has been made in the question under consideration.

61. A negative vote on a motion to lie on the table may be reconsidered; but if a vote to reconsider be laid on the table, that cannot be reconsidered.

XIV. Miscellaneous.

62. The Rules of Order may be suspended by unanimous consent.

63. A motion to amend the Rules of Order shall lie over one day, and it shall require a two-thirds vote to carry the amendment.

64. Any Judicatory may sit with closed doors if, in its judgment, the matters under consideration require it.

65. Election for officers, delegates to higher Judicatories, members of boards, etc., shall be by ballot; but any Judicatory may make its elections by acclamation, if it so elect.

66. It shall not be in order for less than a quorum to take recess.

67. A motion to take recess may be offered while another question is pending, or while the floor is held by another member, with his consent.

68. The motion to adjourn, to take recess, to lie on the table and for the previous question shall be taken without debate.

69. The ayes and nays on any question shall be recorded on the demand of five members.

70. Before the final adjournment of any Judicatory the roll shall be called, and all members absent without permission shall, by the state clerk, be reported to the body which they were sent to represent.

71. At the final adjournment, after the Judicatory has united with the president in the repetition of the creed and the Lord's Prayer, he shall pronounce the Apostolic benediction, and declare the Judicatory now adjourned to meet as already ordered.

DEFINING THE ACTION OF SYNOD OF BELLEFONTE ON APPORTIONMENT.

The tenth item on Overtures, referring the request of East Pennsylvania Classis, in regard to its action on apportionments, was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. L. K. Evans, L. D. Stambaugh and Elder George W. Hensel, who submitted the following report, which was adopted :

Your committee appointed to define the action of Synod, at Bellefonte (A. D. 1882), upon the general subjects of apportionments, would report.

1. That under the terms, apportionments for the various benevolent objects of the church, in the several resolutions (page 49 of minutes of Synod of 1882), and which Synod directs to be made on the basis of the communicant membership of the church Synod contemplates only apportionments for benevolent purposes purely as such, and does not include apportionments for Classical and Synodical expenses, or Synodical contingencies, simply because these are debts and should be levied.

2. The action of the Synod at Bellefonte, therefore, in the very nature of the case, has no reference to the Contingent Fund, which is a debt to be assessed upon Classes and charges, and in the non-payment of which, said Classes and charges are to be held or be considered as delinquents or debtors.

Respectfully submitted, L. K. EVANS, *Chairman.*

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Resolved, that in addition to the action of the Synod at Bellefonte in regard to the distribution of the Minutes of Synod, the several Classes be directed to instruct the pastors in preparing their annual statistical reports not to ask more than twice as many copies as there are members in the consistories of their several charges.

CLASSICAL INCORPORATION.

Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of Synod that a number of its Classes are not incorporated, and yet are using respectively a seal; therefore,

Resolved, that every Classis not incorporated be advised to procure an act of incorporation at an early day.

INSTRUCTION TO STATED CLERK.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk of Synod of United States be instructed to have the Minutes of the Synod of United States and of the General Synod bound into volumes, and that they be brought to the annual and other meetings of Synod for the use of the members during its sessions.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to procure a blank-book sufficiently large and well bound, in which he shall transcribe the charters of the several boards of this Synod, together with the laws and compacts governing those boards.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to procure a block and gavel for the use of this Synod, at its regular business sessions.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to prepare a digest of such Synodical action, taken from time to time, as has immediate reference to the government and transaction of business at the annual and special sessions of this body.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerks of Classes shall hereafter append to their transcript of minutes a schedule of items contained in their minutes, as set forth in Article 72 of the Constitution, sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in the order of these sections for the use of your Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, and that the pages of the minutes containing these items be given.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, presented to Synod in the Report on Overtures, was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. F. W. Krenier, Stephen Sweitzer and John A. Singer.

The Report of the Bethany Orphans' Home reads as follows:

Dear Brethren of the Reformed Synod in the United States:

As is meet and right and a standing custom, we herewith present you a concise statement of the workings and needs of Bethany Orphans' Home, situated at Womelsdorf, Pa. During the year closed seventy Orphans were cared for by this Home. Some have become of proper age and have been discharged. The new term, commencing September 1st, opened with 65 orphans. The average expense per child is \$100 a year, but that covers all expenses of running the institution. So the Synod will see we need \$6500 without any increase of orphans. This Board, however, is anxious to increase the number to the full capacity of the Home; viz., 100 orphans, and pray God and this Synod to come to its help and earnest effort to obtain means. During the year we reduced our current debt very considerably. At the present time we owe \$1800.

We still teach all the branches we taught last year, in letters from Alphabet to Latin, including German as a Classic; in Mathematics from Numeration to Robinson's Higher Algebra. We meet in the Chapel every morning for worship (German). In the evening for worship in English. Seven orphans were confined last Easter. We have preaching every Sabbath and Holy day morning. Sabbath-School in the afternoon.

The farm, as in other years, has been made to do full duty. Asking for an interest in your prayers and your gifts we

Respectfully submit our report.

By order of Board.

B. BAUSMAN, *President.*

D. B. ALBRIGHT, *Superintendent.*

The Committee on Bethany Orphans' Home submitted the following Report. It was taken up item by item and adopted.

The Report reads as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

We learn from the Annual Report placed in our hands by the Board that there were in the Home at the close of the year seventy orphans. Some, having arrived at the proper age, were dismissed. The fall term opened with sixty-five orphans.

During the past year the current debt was considerably reduced. The debt at date of the report was \$1800.

The Board is anxious to have the building fully occupied, which will accommodate one hundred orphans.

The amount needed to run the institution, with its present number of orphans, is \$6500. The Home continues evidently to enjoy God's favor and blessing. During the past year seven orphans were admitted to full communion with the Church. With a larger measure of support, the Home can be made increasingly useful.

Your Committee offer the following for adoption :

Resolved, That this Synod offers to God devout thanks for His favor and blessing on behalf of this home of the fatherless.

Resolved, That Synod heartily commends this institution to the prayers and continued liberality of the Church.

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to our pastors and consistories to interest our Sunday-schools in our Orphans' Home, and encourage them to aid it by their contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. KREMER, *Chairman*.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

The request of East Susquehanna Classis, in Report on Minutes of Classes, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. F. C. Yost, Samuel M. Roeder and Elder H. F. Troutman, who presented the following Report, which was adopted :

Your Committee to which was referred the request of the East Susquehanna Classis, asking this Synod to give a deliverance on the observance of Children's Day, and to appoint a day to be observed throughout the bounds of this Synod, would respectfully recommend the following :

Resolved, That this Synod heartily approve the observance of Children's Day as a means of advancing the interests of the Sabbath-school work and for awakening and quickening the interest of children in the general benevolent work of the Church.

Resolved, That the 3d Sabbath in June of the year 1886 be set apart as the day, and that the Classes be requested to urge its observance on all the Congregations within their bounds.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby respectfully overtures the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States to give a deliverance on this matter and to appoint a day to be observed throughout the Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted.

F. C. YOST, *Chairman*.

HISTORICAL MANUAL OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

The 6th item from Report on Overtures in regard to the "Historical Manual of the Reformed Church" was referred to a Special

Committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. F. W. Kremer, J. F. DeLong and Elder Daniel Hoffman, who submitted the following Report, which was adopted :

Your Committee, appointed to prepare a paper on the Historic Manual of the Reformed Church in the United States, by the Rev. Joseph Henry Dubbs, D.D., a copy of which has been presented by the author to this Synod, beg leave to report that they have carefully read and examined the work, and are prepared to offer the following for adoption :—

Resolved, That the " Manual of the Reformed Church " is a book of decided merit, is written in a genial spirit, clear in style and admirably meets a want long felt in the Reformed Church.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily recommends this manual to all our ministers and people.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to all our ministers to bring this book to the notice of their members, and use their influence to have it circulated as widely as possible.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. KREMER, *Chairman*.

DEFENDING THE " FAITH ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS."

On the fifth day of the sessions the following preamble and resolutions were submitted to Synod and adopted :—

Inasmuch as the present age is characterized by a spurious liberality and rationalistic tendency in the sphere of theology and philosophy, threatening to unsettle and undermine the established faith of the Church, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod, alive to the danger from the tendency in question, earnestly exhorts its ministers, and all our people, to be on their guard against all tendencies that threaten danger to the accepted theology of the Church, and to remain true to the peace compact adopted by the General Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod will give its earnest support to all teachers in our several institutions in resisting and exposing the various errors of the times, and will sustain the editors of all our periodicals in excluding articles that are even of a doubtful character, whilst encouraging them to invite articles true to our standards, and that earnestly vindicate the " Faith once Delivered to the Saints."

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on nominations had the following papers referred to them, viz.: Communications from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College; from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary; from the Secretary of the Board of Missions; from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Synod. Also communications from the Synod of the Potomac and the Synod of Pittsburgh, and so much of the

report of the Board of Publication as related to the filling of vacancies occurring on said Board. By the reference of these papers the Committee was enabled to present its report of nominations, which report was adopted, with instructions to have a sufficient number of tickets printed for the use of Synod, and the election was made the order of the day on Monday, at 4 P. M. Rev. T. O. Stem and Elder Jacob Rader were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted them and reported the results through the President.

The members elected to the various positions of trust on the respective Boards will be found noted in each case in its appropriate place.

The vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College have been filled by the election of Messrs. Charles Santee, Jacob Bausman and John D. Skiles for a term of ten years.

Catalogues of Ursinus College and of Franklin and Marshall College, noted in Item 10, on Overtures, were presented to this Synod, whereupon Synod expressed its gratification at the prosperity of the institutions which these documents represent.

It was resolved that special attention be called to the third Sunday in January as the anniversary of the Reformation, and the desirableness of providing for its proper observance, in accordance with the action of the last General Synod, held at Baltimore in May, 1884.

On the fourth day of the Sessions the President appointed Revs. George Wolff, H. J. Welker and L. D. Stambaugh a Committee to hear excuses for leave of absence. The Committee reported from time to time the applications made by members of Synod, and the requests were granted.

It was resolved that in announcing the results of the election the result only be announced without the number of votes cast for the several candidates.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted by Synod:—

Resolved, That this Synod hereby tenders its most hearty thanks to the Pastor and members of this congregation and other citizens of Mifflinburg for their kind and generous entertainment and hospitality extended to the members of this Synod during its sessions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to such railroads as gave reduced rates to delegates and others in attendance upon the sessions of this Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due and hereby tendered to the Synodical Choir, so well led during the sessions of Synod by Professor Wm. Moyer, Principal of the Musical College at Free-ling, Snyder Co., and the Organist, Miss Kate Shriner.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to communicate these resolutions to the several parties concerned.

The roll of the delegates of Synod was called and none were found absent without permission or excuse.

The minutes of the three sessions of the last day were read and approved, and were then adopted as a whole and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

It was resolved that the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States now adjourns to meet again in annual sessions in the Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia, Pa., on the second Wednesday of October, 1886, at 8. P. M.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday, October 19, at 9 o'clock in the evening. The Session was closed by singing a hymn and joining in the Confession of Faith and the Lord's Prayer. The Synod was dismissed with the Apostolic Benediction.

JOHN A. PETERS, *President*.

JOHN P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original minutes.

JOHN P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS. CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congr.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	B. B. Sch'rs.	Stu. for M.	Peney.	Conf. Pulp.	Min. of Synod.	Ger.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
Cyrus J. Becker,	Howertown,	2	582	445	38	2	28	8	532	5	1	2	14	4	400	2	\$305 00	\$3000 00	3	3	Cataqua, Lehigh Co., Pa.	
Daniel F. Brendle,	Farmersville,	3	613	410	42	9	9	7	512	3			13	6	370	1	135 00	1139 00	10	4	Bethlehem, Northampton do	
Isaac K. Loos, D. D.,	Bethlehem,	1	597	481	33		24	20	485	10			17	1	420	1	300 00	2100 00	13	2	do do	
E. W. Reinecke, D. D.,	Plainfield,	3	800	500	64		39		595	1			24	3			164 00	2800 00	2	2	Nazareth, do do	
Robt. Lisberger,	St. Peter's,	2	130	50	30				125	1			5	2	200		44 00	600 00	7	12	Bath, do do	
Martin A. Smith,	Dryland,	3	790	600	44			9	550	4			13	3	351		191 00	1800 00	7	5	Nazareth, do do	
Daniel Y. Heister, D. D.,	Grace Chapel,	1	106	80	15	1	8	4	86	3			2	1	115		43 00	600 00	4		do do	
T. O. Stem,	St. Mark's,	1	320	140	49		13	5	240	1			4	1	310		133 00	2233 00	7		do do	
Thomas A. Huber,	Brodheads ville,	4	795	555	56		45	1	600	2			38	8	450		410 00	1159 00	10	5	Brodheads ville, Monroe do	
Joseph E. Freeman,	Weisport,	4	650	554	28		61	10	452	5			20	7	372		124 00	2200 00	4	4	Weisport, Carbon do	
John J. Crist,	Cataqua,	1	170	95	16		11	6	151				7	1	225		37 00	563 00	10	2	Cataqua, Lehigh do	
J. E. Smith,	Moore Township,	3	700	500	44		43	450	4				17	5	400	3	150 00	1600 00	4	8	Bath, Northampton do	
James W. Mabry,	Kreidersville,	2	780	600	60	1	67	5	550				27	6	500		157 00	1250 00	6	4	Cherryville, do do	
Geo. W. Kerschner,	Stroudsburg,	3	260	140	14		8	15	171				6	4	200		45 00	3230 00	8	2	Stroudsburg, Monroe do	
J. G. Nef,	Bangor,	2	160	70	14	1	8	15	135				1	5	250		25 00	500 00	8		Bangor, Northampton do	
Jos. H. Schlappig,	Jerusalem,	5	269	80	53		21	2	175				8	4	125		11 00	165 00	1	1	Kreagville, Monroe do	
F. W. Smith,	Tannersville,	4	370	180	47	3	24	2	238				32	5	225		39 00	512 00	10		Tannersville, do do	
A. R. Thompson,	Mount Bethel,	3	403	269	25	2	26	3	354	4			4	3	405		226 00	1371 00	9	2	Stone Church, Northampton do	
H. M. Kleifer,	3d st. Rfd. Easton, Pa.	1	449	250	11	1	19	6	313	2			5	1	375	2	1802 00	4421 00	14		Easton, do do	
I. K. Loos, D. D., supply	Rittersville,	1	130	100	10		21		105				3	1	60		45 00	190 00	4	2	Bethlehem, do do	
N. Z. Snyder, supply,	Freemansburg,	1	140	80	15	2	8	1	98	3			2	6	110		39 00	500 00	6		South Bethlehem, do do	
J. E. Smith, supply,	Bushkill Centre,	1	112	60	1		10		45				2	1	75		6 00				Bath, do do	
T. C. Porter, D. D., L. L. D.	Prof. in Lafayette Col.																				Easton, do do	
Charles Becker,	Without charge,																				Scranton, do do	
do	do																				Nazareth, Northampton do	
Horace Daniel,	Engaged in Bible W'rk																				Paterson, New Jersey. do	
W. D. C. Rodrock,	Without charge,																				Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa. do	
Charles A. Rittenhouse,	Agt. of Publicat'n Br'd																				Reading, Berks do	
H. K. Binkley,																						
Thos. M. Balliet, Lic.,																						
A. F. Kroust,																						
Thos. A. Fenstermaker,																						
C. B. Stover,																						
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N. B.—Since the Annual Meeting of the Classis the Tannersville charge has become vacant by resignation of the pastor, Rev. F. W. Smith, who has accepted a call from the Pleasant Valley charge, and his P. O. address is changed to Gilbert's, Monroe Co., Pa.

LEBANON CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infants.	Bapt's	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Pressures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Rob'ts.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.	Min. of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
																	Revew. Purp's.	Cong'l Purp's.	Rng.	Ger.
John Gring,	Superannuated,	1	980	725	89	12	40	30	570	11	2	52	2	554			\$1720 13	\$2065 40	14	2
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	First Ch., Lebanon,	4	500	300	30	9	34	9	458	5							282 00	1200 00	5	2
Jona E. Hiestor, D.D.,	Anville charge,	6	1295	950	70	2	98	12	1246	6	25	55	10	300			144 40	2000 00	4	6
T. Calvin Leinbach,	Bernville charge,	1	500	312	20	1	11	3	455	13	9	5	1	290			292 65	1325 00	15	5
George Wolf, D. D.,	Myerstown charge,																			
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.,	Seet. of For. Missions,																			
Eli E. Hiestor,	Without charge,																			
Daniel B. Albright,	Without charge,	1	26	53			7		38	11							100 00		2	
Jas. A. Schultz,	Without charge,																			
R. S. Appel,	Shartleville charge,	3	375	156	47		200	1										450 00	3	5
M. L. Fritch,	Allegbeny charge,	4	825	656	44	6	29	19	610	9	2	38	6	350	1		140 00	1100 00	8	4
M. Peters,	Without charge,																			
J. C. Bucher, D. D.,	Superannuated,	4	728	696	73	6	33	4	480	5	14	30	6	500	1		115 00	1800 00	7	6
Adam J. Bachman,	Schneidersburg charge	4	491	302	23	2	39		390			11	4	300			100 00	1500 00	12	8
Lobias Kessler,	Swatara charge,																			
Charles H. Coon,	Without charge,	5	1287	732	81	2	65	27	1097	3		35	5	400	2		312 00	8412 00	10	10
Henry J. Welker,	Tulpehooken charge,	2	1100	650	57		34		876	5		33	2	300			20 00	9250 00	8	4
W. J. Kernbner,	Sinking Spring charge,	3	527	255	24	2	37	14	420	3		12	3	520			147 00	1150 00	6	6
L. D. Stambaugh,	Womelsdorf charge,																			
W. C. Schaefer,	Pres. of Palatinate Col.																			
George B. Resser,	St. John's Ch., Leb.,	1	231	150	2	2	8	6	142	2	1	4	1	186			424 00	1852 00	9	
M. H. Miesler, supply,	Xocum's charge,	3																		
B. F. Bliery, Licentiate,	• Eppler, Bern and St. Michael,		3	800	475	33						18	3	300			65 00	800 00	10	4
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• Supplied by Rev. S. A. Leinbach.

Total 23

CLASSES OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unordained.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Exm. of N.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch.	Sta. for M.	Benef.	Contributions.	Rap. Kynd.	M. of Ger.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Feels,	Without charge,																				Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	President Ursinus Col.																				Collegeville, do do
Henry W. Super, D. D.	Prof. in Ursinus Col.																				do do do
Peter S. Davis, D. D.	Editor "The Mess'r,"																				907 Arch St., Phila., Pa.
Abraham Romich,	Without charge,																				Philadelphia, Pa.
Charles W. Schultz,	Superannuated,																				Camden, New Jersey.
D. Ernest Kloppe, D. D.	Trinity, Phila.,	1 365	25 17	6 38	27 360	7						8 3	1 380				\$185 00	\$3405 00	12		1541 N. 7th St., Phila., Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston,	Ch. of the Strangers,	1 52	36	2	2 40	6							1 60				10 00	642 00	7		33 Saunders Ave., do
Maxwell S. Rowland,	Without charge,																				Lanedale Mont. Co., Pa.
Charles G. Fisher,	Sup. Raf. Ch. Pub. Ed.																				907 Arch St., Phila., Pa.
David Van Horne, D. D.,	First Church,	1 245	27 6	3 14	11 190	5											540 00	8608 00	15		1520 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
William C. Hendricks,	Trinity, Norristown,	1 107	33 6	4 13	11 71							10 2	1 166				209 00	1150 00	6		Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
James Crawford,	Christ Church,	1 205	70 8	1 14	16 185	3						5 1	1 150				1045 00	3190 00	12		1106 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
John O. Johnson,	Ascension,	1 213	90 16	3 9	9 220	2						18 7	1 234				210 00	1500 00	10		Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
John Van Haagen, Lic.,	Prof. in Ursinus Col.,																				Collegeville, do do
Joshua D. Detrich,	Union C., Whitmarsh	1 175	4 5	21 3	163	1						5 1	1 160				173 00	750 00	8		Flourtown, do do
do do supply,	St. Luke's, N. Wales,	1 185	7 3	8 5	145	1						1 10	2 120				60 00	550 00	8		do do do
Slas P. Manger,	Pike'd & St. Vincent,	2 171	45 9	2 11	132	4						1 1	1 66				95 00	850 00	12		Phoenixville, Chester do
do do supply,	St. John's, Phoenixville,	1 38	20 1	2 7	6 33							1 1	1 127				200 00	1714 00	12		do do do
John H. Sechler,	Boehm's,	1 232	96 11	4 10	1 213	2						12 3	1 142				365 00	815 00	17		Centre Square, Mont. do
Henry T. Spangler,	St. Luke's, Trappe,	1 309	60 8	3 6	7 216	2						5 1	2 700				201 00	769 00	6		Collegeville, do do
Uriah Weldner,	Pleasantville,	1 500	179 14	30 68	27 456	12						5 1	1 750				246 00	6079 00	6		Mont. Square, do do
James I. Good,	Heidelberg,	2 270	69 2	10 19	24 185	7						5 2	300				103 00	12735 00	19		1515 N. 19th St., Phila., Pa.
David W. Ebbert,	E. Vincent & Sp. City	2 169	29 8	20 23	3 152	4						5 9	3 365				98 00	6828 00	12		Spring City, Chester Co., Pa.
Edward D. Wettach,	St. Matthew's,	3 412	184 21	5 14	6 328	12						5 9	3 365				128 00	4191 00	10		Font, do do do
George S. Sorber,	Brownback's,	1 108	82 8	6 4	82							2 1	80				318 00	318 00	6		Vincent, do do do
Slas F. Laury,	St. John's, Del.,																35 00	200 00	6		Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.
Jacob S. Hartzell,	Without charge,	3 102	60 6	3 5	11 86	2						2 1	35				60 00	60 00	6		Germanstown, Pa.
Charles W. Levan,	Eastern Shore of Md.,	1 171	10 3		10							1 1	12				62 00	787 00	7		Ridgeley, Caroline Co., Md.
do do supply,	St. Luke's, Wilm., Del.	1 66	40 3		37 1							1 1	206								do do do
Vacant.	Grace,																				
Ordained Ministers, 26																					
Licentiate, 1																					
		284168	1205 149	126 326	1913549	70						56	75 27	4290			54285 00	\$35581 00	203		

At the Annual Meeting Licentiate S. U. Snyder was received from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio, and has since been ordained, and installed Pastor of Grace. His P. O. address is 2829 N. 4th St., Phila., Pa.

At the Annual Meeting Mr. B. F. Davis was licensed.

CLERGIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Conf.	Members.	Unbaptized.	Infants.	Bapt.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commended.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S.S. Schlr.	Stu. Mistr.	Benef.	Propos.	Conf.	Propos.	Min. of Synod.	Ger.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
Rudolph Duenger,	Ashland,	1	300	240	42	17	3	287	2			14	1	250	\$97 00	\$740 00	1	8	1	8	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.	
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	Mahanoy,	7	545	375	64	63	2	457	3			19	7	300	148 00	1068 00	7	7	7	7	Greenbrier, Northumberland do	
Alfred Houts,	Orangeville,	4	330	170	23	16	45	316	5			3	13	4	164 00	800 00	8				Orangeville, Columbia do	
Tighman Derr,	Conyngham,	4	610	400	50	1	35	540					32	4	300	165 00	1000 00	8				Conyngham, Luzerne do
William G. Engle,	Uniontown,	6	740	225	59	1	38	548	4			23	6	230	250 00	900 00	6	2	2	2	Pillow, Dauphin do	
Geo. B. Doebant,	Catawissa,	3	393	380	42	1	10	301	2			9	5	25	210 00	1075 00	12	3	3	3	Catawissa, Columbia do	
John K. Millett,	Paradise,	3	450	200	15	3	38	7	420	6		5	7	3	320	250 00	1250 00	8	3	3	3	McEwenville, North'ber'd do
Franklin K. Levan,	Wilkesbarre,	1	400	370	66	6	20	300	5			9	12	1	200	54 00	950 00	2	3	2	2	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do
Jacob B. Kerschner,	Millersburg,	3	436	200	15	2	7	315	5			1	9	3	275	168 00	935 00	4	2	2	2	Millersburg, Dauphin do
Thomas J. Hacker,	Shamokin,	1	467	375	106	2	26	26	430	9	2	14	1	370	336 00	1443 00	8	2	2	2	Shamokin, Northumberland do	
Sebastian C. Meckel,	Plymouth,	1	67	75	25	2	2	2	7	1		2	1	50	25 00	315 00	6	4	4	4	Plymouth, Luzerne do	
William B. Sandoe,	Ringtown,	4	185	150	57	1	5	180	1			15	4	350	52 00	336 00	6	3	3	3	Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., do	
Stephen Sidney Kohler,	Wapwallopen,	4	352	173	27	9	9	313				25	4	230	137 00	600 00	10				Bellbend, Luzerne do	
A. M. Maeseheimer,	Weatherly,	2	270	180	53	39	6	230				12	1	225	55 00	1600 00	2	2	2	2	Weatherly, Carbon do	
Charles H. Mutschler,	Overton,	3	180	100	13	1	21	2	130	1		3	2	60	47 00	330 00	2	1	2	2	Dushore, Sullivan do	
Joseph H. Hantzberger,	Christ Church	1	90	34	1	4	1	70				2	1	70	30 00	628 00	4				Fayette, Seneca, N. Y.	
George P. Hartsell,	Augusta,	6	460	328	57	1	8	10	400	15	1	6	5	160	187 00	934 00	6	3	3	3	Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa.	
Samuel Kuhn,	Berryburg,	6	270	150	15	1	27	235			1	8	5	235	61 00	5562 00	8				Elisabethville, Dauphin do	
Francis C. Yost,	Milton,	1	306	108	18	4	19	12	204	8		4	7	1	300	159 00	1189 00	8				Milton, Northumberland do
John Calvin Leinbach,	Sunbury,	1	260	140	21	3	28	67	245	4		18	3	175	179 00	1312 00	10				Sunbury, do do	
John C. Glantz,	Deep Creek,	5	265	240	49	1	1	250	4			12	5	220	62 00	700 00	1				Ilegias, Schuylkill do	
John A. Peters,	Danville,	3	300	150	13	11	7	255	5			2	6	3	250	200 00	1571 00	12				Danville, Montour do
Samuel R. Bridenbaugh,	Bloomburg,	1	180	100	8	1	6	150	2			9	1	140	52 00	600 00	10				Bloomburg, Columbia do	
Vacant,	*Mt. Zion,	3	517	194	19	1	18	8	374	10		2	8	3	236	190 00	750 00	9				Turbotville, Northumberland do
Vacant,	*Freeland,	2	210	245	75	1	29	2	164			23	1	80	25 00	1650 00	9	5	5	5	Freeland, Luzerne do	
Vacant,	*Berwick,	4	152	105	13	4	10	117				3	4	60	47 00	1600 00	3				Mifflinville, Columbia do	
Julius C. J. Kurtz,	Without charge,	1	115	70	3		4	107	1			2	1	55	23 00	150 00	4				Shamokin, Northumberland do	
S. R. Bridenbaugh, sup.,	Heller's cong.,	1	60	35	12	1	24	52				1	30		10 00	100 00	6	2	2	2	Bloomburg, Columbia do	
Thomas J. Hacker, sup.,	St. Paul's,	82,9910	5632	961	46	46,964	206	7370	94	5	44	300	70	8411	5	\$3386	00	\$30088	00	171	42	Shamokin, Northumberland do

• Statistics from last year's report.

CLASSES OF WEST SUBQUHANNA.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Bapt's		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. R. Sch's.	Stu. for M.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
					Infants.	Adults.										Beney. Purp.	Cong. Purp.	Eng.	Ger.			
William H. Groh,	Boalsburg,	4	337	240	23	1	7	4	317	4		4	4	210	1	210	\$204 00	\$775 00	10	2	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.	
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,	Sept. Pub. Inst.																				Spring Mills, do	
William W. Clouser,	White Deer,	3	315	140	30	17	17	315	5		17	3	140	1	140	1	200 00	660 00	10	4	White Deer Mills, Union do	
William A. Haas,	Selinsgrove,	4	390	385	32	47	1	378	2		14	4	345	1	345	1	241 00	1000 00	8	2	Selinsgrove, Snyder do	
William M. Landis,	Beaver Springs,	5	533	537	45	1	36	482	2		14	5	345	1	345	1	259 00	865 00	31		Beaver Springs, Snyder do	
John F. De Long,	Belleville,	2	171	95	10	3	10	159	5		9	2	165		165		341 00	1379 00	10		Belleville, Centre do	
A. Carl Whitmer,	Millinburg,	3	459	170	18	6	19	16	441	10	20	9	2	200		200	264 00	5750 00	22		Millinburg, Union do	
R. Leighton Gerhart,	Lewisburg,	1	247	87	5		22	220	7		3	1	175	1	175	1	360 00	1050 00	8		Lewisburg, Union do	
William R. Yearick,	Superannuated,																				Walker, Centre do	
S. Penrose Brown,	Liverpool,	6	229	150	31	12	152	1			5	250					50 00	600 00	4	4	Chapman, Snyder do	
David O. Shoemaker,	Nittany Valley,	6	302	183	24	7	24	293	6		11	4	255		255		190 00	1205 00	10		Walker, Centre do	
Tilghman R. Dietz,	New Berlin,	5	333	186	24	4	39	20	289	6	6	5	215		215		190 00	1000 00	25	5	New Berlin, Union do	
Zwingli A. Yearick,	Aaronburg,	3	299	231	34	5	34	19	255	14	13	3	185	2	185	2	146 00	976 00	15		Aaronburg, Centre do	
George W. Gerhard,	Lock Haven,	2	160	150	12	10	8	116	5		5	1	225		225		56 00	874 00	6	4	Lock Haven, Clinton do	
Newton J. Miller,	Rebersburg,	5	313	255	26	3	28	14	260	14	12	5	325		325		375 00	797 00	11	3	Rebersburg, Centre do	
Retired from Act. Min.																					Belleville, Centre do	
Henry Keller,																					Williamsport, Lycoming do	
Daniel H. Leader,	St. John's, Williamspt.	1	100	33	1	3	20	7	90	1	1	3	1	65		65	40 00	1085 00	15		Williamsport, Lycoming do	
Thomas S. Land,	Centre Hall,	4	265	96	4		7	10	117	5	1	4	170	1	170	1			8		Centre Hall, Centre do	
Total, 18.		54	4453	2938	319	23	286	156	3884	86	31	123	49	8270	7	8270	7	\$2913 00	\$18016 00	193	24	

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Kxcom.	Kraures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Sch'l's.	Sta. for M.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.											Benev. Pulp.	Cons. Pulp.	Bng.	Ger.		
Clement Z. Weiser, D.D.,	New Goshenhoppen,	2	900	650	43		50	6	860	6			28	2	700			\$4006 00	\$774 00	8	8	East Greenville, Montg. Co., Pa.
L. Kreider Evans,	Trinity, Pottstown,	1	620	430	64	6	43	16	515	6		2	37	1	425			387 00	5670 00	15	1	Pottstown, do
Lucian J. Mayer,	Boyletown,	3	859	758	61	1	42	12	750	18			26	1	250			292 00	940 00			Boyletown, Berks
Augustus L. Dechant,	Old Goshenhoppen,	4	650	200	43	5	58	4	599	6			24	4	500	1		881 00				Peensburg, Montgomery
Simon M. K. Huber,	Went's,	3	750	350	22	10	32	10	690	6			24	2	260	1		247 00		10	4	Skipcaseville do
Eli Keller,	Zionsville,	4	960	530	46	6	80	7	750	3			41	4	450	4		337 00	247 00	4	20	Zionsville, Lehigh do
Isaac S. Stahl,	Oley,	4	675	566	45	7	48	4	563	4			29	4	230			103 00	875 00			Oley Berks do
Cosmos H. Herbet,	Pottstown,	2	490	320	35		20	40	350	5		6	16	2	325			40 00	5540 00	14	2	Pottstown, Montgomery do
C. S. Wisland,	Zion's (Pottstown)	1	157	100	9		11	9	125				8	1	126			29 00	4960 00	10		do do
John H. Leinbach, sup.,	Amityville & St. Paul,	2	285	180	15				258	5			8	3	210			46 00	775 00	15		Reading, Berks do
	Birdsboro,																					
Robert C. Weaver,	Chestnut Hill,	1	80	45	5	1	9		77	1			2	1	100			20 00		2		Coopersburg, Lehigh do
Henry L. Gerhart,	Lieutenant,																					Spinnersville, Bucks do
		27	6422	4129	398	36	383	101	5527	60			8	243	25	3576	6	\$3388 00	19181 00	77	37	

CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commend.	Dismissed.	Kreases.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	B. B. Sch'ls.	Btu. Min'y.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.										Benav. Purp.	Comp. Purp.	Eng.	Ger.	
David Rothrock,	Nockamixon,	2 459	229	28	6	18	5	349	5	1	11	4	132	1	\$148 00	\$542 00	10		Kintnersville, Bucks Co., Pa.	
S. K. Gross,	Ridge Valley,	2 350	260	26	9	29	4	328	2	5	20	2	72	7	20 00	625 00	7		Schlichters, do	
Levi C. Sheip,	Doylestown,	1 110	80	5	10	5	90	1	20				1	90	25 00	600 00	5		Doylestown, do	
Amandus F. Ziegler,	Keller's,	2 311	188	18	3	11	4	296	4	7	2	120			51 00	850 00	5		Bingen, Northampton do	
Jacob Kehm,	Indian Creek,	2 825	550	34	2	20	7	710	7	15	14	3	325	1	229 00	2775 00	6		Sellersville Bucks do	
Nathaniel Z. Snyder,	South Bethlehem,	2 378	265	65	2	51	19	289	2						90 00	1560 00	16		4 S. Bethlehem, Northampton do	
Franklin J. Mohr,	Quakertown,	3 560	250	24	23	25	516	12	21	3	278	2			180 00	1623 00	8		6 Quakertown, Bucks do	
James G. Dengler,	Sellersville,	3 449	195	15	1	18	27	436	10	4	10	370			278 00	1168 00	13		8 Sellersville, do	
Robt. C. Weaver,	Friedensville,	3 577	330	87	3	81	3	485	4						100 00	875 00	6		6 Coopersburg, Lehigh do	
G. W. Roth,	South Easton,	1 171	130	12	12	9	130	3							79 00	642 00	6		S. Easton, Northampton do	
A. B. Koplin,	Lower Saucon,	2 555	290	27	16	18	400								347 00	1000 00	6		Hellertown, do	
J. M. Hartzel,	Springfield,	2 481	235	10			282	6	25						98 00	345 00	9		Bingen, do	
H. F. Seiple,	Hilltown,	2 385	200	6	1	1	4	361	5						165 00	715 00	6		2 Lansdale, Montgomery do	
B. B. Ferer,	Riegelsville,	1 232	125		7	30	16	200	2						6321 00	2100 00	12		2 Riegelsville, Bucks do	
L. C. Edmonds, supply,	Durham,	3 345	280	8		2	233								84 00	393 00	10		3 S. Bethlehem, Northampton do	
J. J. Rothrock,	Lansdale,	1 60	55	2		2	54									225 00	8		2 Lansdale, Montgomery do	
D. F. Brendle, supply,	St. Johns or N. Williams	1 137	70	5	11	103	4								23 00	580 00	4		Line Lexington, Pa.	
Vasant,	Leidytown,	1 138	20	2		115	4									550 00	4			
D. Rothrock, supply,	Tintonn,	2 250	88	6	1	111	2								17 00	245 00	9			
G. B. Smith, Licentiate,																				
Total, 18.		36 6773	3925	379	35	332	152	5498	73		70	197	67	3644	7	\$48205 00	\$17212 00	151	49	

CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cours.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commended.	Dismissed.	Kreuzers.	Deaths.	B. Schola.	Sta. for M.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.			
															Basey.	Comp. Pwp.			Keg.		
Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	Ziegel.	4	850	700	120	95	750	90	26	8	600	3	\$417 00	\$2000 00	3	7	Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.				
J. S. Herman,	Fleetwood,	4	600	400	131	4	3	491	4	32	6	396	160 00	6000 00	2	4	Kutztown, Berks do				
A. J. Hernan,	Zion's,	7	653	300	62	52	560	26	5	440	3	26	135 00	2000 00	10	10	Marataway, do do				
Wm. R. Hordford,	Egypt,	4	880	475	47	1	81	4	765	7	27	9	365 00	2700 00	20	20	Allentown, Lehigh do				
Am. Bartholomew,	Mahoning,	4	875	340	104	22	475	1	23	17	880	1	159 00	1200 00	25	100	Lehigh, Carbon do				
N. S. Strasburger,	Without charge,	4	900	600	56	61	845	5	57	8	2	401 00	2500 00	6	4	Fogelsville, Lehigh do					
E. J. Fogel,	Jordan,	4	460	235	21	2	15	12	330	9	5	1	500 00	9745 00	75	114	S. 8th St., Allentown, do				
S. G. Wagner, D.D.,	St. John's, Allentown,	1	775	400	128	6	78	43	537	10	46	1	860	3116 00	50	10	523 Walnut St., do do				
A. J. G. Dubbs, D.D.,	Salem's, Allentown,	1	475	245	42	1	26	415	3	30	5	350	2	1200 00	8	8	Kutztown, Berks do				
Benjamin Weiss,	Lebanonville,	3	100	75	2	2	2	430	1	24	7	425	1	4391 00	15	45	Allentown, Lehigh do				
J. Fritsinger,	St. Mark's (congn.),*	1	550	225	54	29	430	1	30	7	800	1	200 00	1800 00	4	20	Lynnport, do do				
Thomas N. Reber,	Macungie,	4	800	600	79	42	15	650	4	15	1	165	50 00	2300 00	5	8	Kutztown, Berks do				
James N. Bachman,	Jacksonville,	1	275	235	29	21	3	225	10	20	4	500	240 00	1400 00	15	10	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do				
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.,	Prof. State Nor. Sch.,	2	536	320	64	4	25	17	420	8	9	3	200	900 00	5	5	Reading, Berks do				
L. E. Graef,	Tamaqua,	1	450	200	14	325	2	27	1	225	9	3	200	900 00	5	5	Reading, Berks do				
W. J. Peters,	Slatington,	1	887	425	40	26	14	875	6	7	5	1	812 00	2928 00	100	75	111 N. 8th St., Allentown do				
John H. Helfrich,	Kutztown,	1	152	80	9	14	9	87	3	7	5	1	26 00	570 00	12	4	28 N. 2d St., do do				
Edwin A. Gernant,	Zion's, Allentown,	1	130	115	4	1	40	1	40	4	1	105	11 00	380 00	12	6	Summit Hill, Lehigh do				
M. H. Dielenderfer,	Christ's, Allentown,	1	200	230	8	2	150	2	150	3	1	300	40 00	2794 00	20	10	Lehigh, Carbon do				
Wm. M. Kelly, Ph. D.,	Pres. Allent. Fem. Col.	1	130	115	4	1	40	1	40	4	1	105	11 00	380 00	12	6	Summit Hill, Lehigh do				
Alfred P. Horn,	Summit Hill,	1	200	230	8	2	150	2	150	3	1	300	40 00	2794 00	20	10	Lehigh, Carbon do				
Geo. W. Stibitz,	Lebanon,	1	200	230	8	2	150	2	150	3	1	300	40 00	2794 00	20	10	Lehigh, Carbon do				
Thomas M. Yundt,	Lieutenant,	1	200	230	8	2	150	2	150	3	1	300	40 00	2794 00	20	10	Lehigh, Carbon do				
Supply Dr. Helfrich,	Lynnport cong.,†	1	77	40	5	1	12	70	2	4	1	105	54 00	180 00	12	2	Allentown, Lehigh do				
do Dr. Dubbs,	Emaus do	1	90	45	7	8	73	116	2	6	1	100	15 00	150 00	5	20	Allentown, Lehigh do				
do A. Bartholomew,	St. Peter's do	1	150	90	6	1	16	43	2	4	1	30	10 00	175 00	4	4	Allentown, Lehigh do				
do Benj'n Weiss,	Blandon do	1	50	25	8	1	16	43	2	4	1	30	10 00	175 00	4	4	Allentown, Lehigh do				
do do do	St Paul's do	1	50	25	8	1	16	43	2	4	1	30	10 00	175 00	4	4	Allentown, Lehigh do				
		53	10515	6365	1038	24	663	112	8492	169	7	415	90	6506	14	84806	00	\$48579	00	473	375

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† Included in Ziegel charge.

• Lately organized.

SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deacons.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'rs.	Adults										Purp's.	Cong'l Purp's.		
A. S. Leinbach, Jacob Kline, Chas. F. McCauley, D.D., Benj. Bauman, D.D., Henry A. Keyser, F. W. Deebant, Henry Leisac, Henry Mosser, J. W. Steinmetz, Allen R. Bartholomew, J. J. Fisher, Percy Y. Schellley, W. Donat, L. D. Steckel, J. Alvin Reber, Geo. A. Zeller, Calvin S. Gerhard, S. A. Leinbach, O. H. Strunk, W. D. Donat, Vacant, D. L. Steckel, supply,	Schwartzwald, 3d Church, Reading, St. Paul's Mem., Rdg., St. Paul's, Mahanoy C., Orwigsburg, 1st Ref. Ch., Reading, St. John's, Reading, Trinity Ch., Pottsville Trinity Ch., Tamaqua, Hamburg, New Jerusalem, 1st Church, Pottsville, St. Mark's, Minersville, St. Stephen's, Leesport, St. John's, Trin. Ch., Shenandoah Pinegrove, St. Clair,	51450 1549 1630 1600 5550 11058 1475 1275 3360 2500 2484 2225 1166 3285 1124 2320 1290 1310 4445 140 399118	550 300 300 425 450 900 375 200 280 300 484 180 104 195 95 175 215 300 445 40	550 300 300 425 450 900 375 200 280 300 484 180 104 195 124 175 215 300 445 40	149 36 18 52 27 79 66 17 40 38 53 225 191 133 13 16 16 18 30 6	9 1 1 1 27 79 66 17 40 38 43 5 19 13 16 16 16 18 30 6	42 28 30 30 23 88 32 13 40 34 33 8 14 13 6 14 25 8 4	1400 400 525 550 388 975 365 205 300 10 361 180 127 220 102 289 229 134 35	4 16 11 3 10 10 8 5 4 2 1 2 3 3 4 2 1 1 4 1		38 20 15 26 14 49 23 13 3 23 6 1 3 9 5 12 2	7 2592 1402 425 5435 27974 425 235 300 3875 360 200 200 311 150 270 197 20	600 592 402 425 435 744 425 235 300 375 360 200 200 311 150 270 197 20	\$314 00 2683 00 904 00 150 00 95 00 1068 00 82 00 100 00 180 00 189 00 111 00 137 00 52 08 36 00 22 00 31 00 65 00 237 00 8 00 60 00	\$1600 00 4199 00 4071 00 2000 00 1000 00 4268 00 2200 00 1800 00 1899 00 1000 00 2102 00 1581 00 750 00 2070 00 875 00 600 00 1426 00 685 00 60 00	6 14 13 6 4 15 12 10 6 5 10 8 4 4 10 8 3 4 47	6 Reading, Pa. 1 Schuylkill Haven, Pa. Reading, Pa. Reading, Pa. 6 Mahanoy City, Pa. Reading, Pa. 4 Orwigsburg, Pa. Reading, Pa. Pottsville, Pa. Tamaqua, Pa. Hamburg, Pa. Schuylkill Haven, Pa. Pottsville, Pa. Cressona, Pa. 3 Minersville, Pa. Reading, Pa. 2342 S. 6th St., Reading, Pa. 1 Schuylkill Haven, Pa. 3 Shenandoah, Pa. 1 Pottsville, Pa.		
Total 28.																			

* Second Reformed Church Sunday-school Scholars, 482; Jno. Ermentrout Mission, 140—Total, 692.

† First Reformed Church Sunday-school Scholars, 831; St. Mark's Mission, 143—Total, 974.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Minist'rs.	Congreg't.	Members.	Unbaptiz'd Members.	Baptisms.			Additions.			Comm'nd.	Dismiss'd.	Room.	Kiss'd.	Deaths.	Sunday School.	B. School.	Students for the Min.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.
					Infants.	Adults.	Conf'd.	Certific'd.	Benev. Purp.	Congreg'l Purp.											
East Pennsylvania,	25	51	9366	6239	709	18	485	105	6962	48	1	5	272	70	5937	9	\$4431 00	\$31723 00	142	59	
Lebanon,	23	42	9665	6406	593	44	435	124	6976	74	2	51	325	50	4542	4	3862 00	32904 00	113	64	
Philadelphia,	26	28	4168	1205	149	128	326	196	8549	70		56	73	27	4290	6	4265 00	55581 00	203		
Lancaster,	28	39	4685	2228	258	66	237	104	3777	66		23	129	38	3435	4	2705 00	23862 00	163	17	
East Susquehanna,	24	82	8910	5532	961	45	554	206	7370	94	5	44	300	74	5411	5	3385 00	30088 00	174	42	
West Susquehanna,	18	54	4453	2938	319	23	288	155	3884	86		81	123	59	3270	7	2913 00	18016 00	193	34	
Goshenhoppen,	12	27	6426	4129	398	36	383	101	5537	60		8	243	25	3576	6	6888 00	19181 00	77	37	
Tohickon,	18	36	6773	3825	379	35	332	152	5488	73		70	197	57	3664	7	3205 80	17212 00	151	49	
Lehigh,	24	53	10515	6365	1038	24	663	112	8492	169		7	415	90	6506	14	4806 00	48529 00	473	375	
Schuylkill,	20	39	9118	5800	699	6	514	172	7172	82	2	48	298	43	6681	3	6245 00	34286 00	146	47	
Total,	218	451	74079	44687	6503	420	4215	1427	59197	322	10	343	2375	523	47312	64	\$47205 00	\$311382 00	1835	722	
Synod of Ohio, - - 10 Classes,	144	287	19045	7210	850	522	1361	708	15073	288	1	940	380	225	17495	25	11082 00	77100 00			
Ger. Synod, North West, - 9 Classes,	115	156	14074	10457	1208	15	758	669	10499	243	22	238	339	139	8375	22	9711 00	58799 00			
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 Classes,	55	130	12475	8855	767	63	585	429	10214	284	1	120	237	102	7510	12	8644 00				
Synod of the Potomac, 10 Classes,	143	288	29857	19277	1917	253	1595	833	24731	522	5	167	726	242	19001	28	21795 00	122234 00			
Ger. Synod, of the East, 5 Classes,	45	41	11440	6821	2107	13	713	764	8784	68	2	278	454	44	8011	7	5658 00	71945 00			
Central Synod, - 4 Classes,	69	115	15967	10792	1217	34	789	496	12151	157	46	268	423	99	9169	15	9889 00	54048 00			
Total, 7 Dist Synods, 53 Classes,	788	1468	176937	108079	14569	1320	9966	5325	140649	3384	71	2424	4934	1374	116878	173	\$113954 00	\$695508 00			

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States at its Annual Sessions, held in West Philadelphia, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six. The sessions commenced on the evening of the thirteenth, and continued until noon on the nineteenth.

ARTICLE I.

Synod convened, according to adjournment, in the Church of the Strangers, corner of Fortieth and Spring Garden, West Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday, October 13, 1886, at 8 P. M. The Session was opened with divine service and the sermon was preached by Rev. John A. Peters, from the text recorded in St. Luke 9: 16, 17, "Then He took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude, and they did eat, and were all filled, and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—Classis of East Penna.

Ministers: J. E. Smith, T. O. Stem,² J. J. Crist,¹ A. R. Thompson,¹ J. W. Mabry.

Elders: John Teel,² William Keller, P. P. Schaffer,² Joel Dreisbach.²

II. Classis of Lebanon.

Ministers: Thomas C. Leinbach,¹ M. L. Fritch,¹ H. J. Welker,¹ A. J. Bachman.

Elders: J. B. Moor, P. B. Edris, E. B. Shuey, Levi J. Groh.¹

III. Classis of Philadelphia.

Ministers: John O. Johnson,² J. H. Sechler, Henry T. Spangler, D. W. Ebbert,¹ J. D. Detrich.²

Elders: W. K. Gresh,² Isaiah C. Gerhart, T. A. Hoover,² Jacob G. Brown, A. Schwenk.

IV. Classis of Lancaster.

Ministers: E. V. Gerhart, D.D., Joseph H. Dubbs, D.D., W. F. Lichter, George W. Snyder, John M. Titzel, D.D.

Elders: Amos Hollinger,⁴ Abram Mader, D. C. Haverstick,⁴ William H. Seibert, Isaac Bushong.¹

V. Classis of East Susquehanna.

Ministers: Tilghman Derr, Alfred Houtz, Thomas J. Hacker, S. R. Bridenbaugh, S. C. Meckel.

Elders: George Hill,^{1,4} J. R. Hilbush.⁴

VI. Classis of West Susquehanna.

Ministers: Daniel H. Leader, William M. Landis, William H. Groh.

Elders: Professor William Moyer, Jared Harper, Dr. F. W. Vandersloot.

VII. Classis of Goshenhoppen.

Ministers: Isaac S. Stahr, L. J. Mayer.

Elders: Jeremiah Sweinhart, Reu. Reigner.

VIII. Classis of Tohickon.

Ministers: N. Z. Snyder, J. J. Rothrock,¹ J. G. Dengler.

Elders: F. C. Crouse,^{1,4} Joseph Procter.¹

IX. Classis of Lehigh.

Ministers: E. J. Fogel,⁴ Thomas N. Reber, W. J. Peters.¹

Elders: Benjamin F. Levan,⁴ Jonas Miller,⁴ R. H. Kramm, D. Troxel.

X. Classis of Schuylkill.

Ministers: H. Mosser, A. S. Leinbach, D. D., A. R. Bartholomew, G. W. Roth.³

Elders: S. H. Lenhart, Peter Burkey, James T. Reber.^{1,4}

Advisory Members.

Revs. H. K. Binckley, D. F. Brendle, D. D., H. M. Kieffer, from East Penna. Classis.

Revs. D. B. Albright, Thomas M. Yundt, J. C. Bucher, D. D., George Wolf, D. D., T. Kessler, from Lebanon Classis.

Revs. George H. Johnson, James Crawford, S. U. Snyder, D. Van Horne, D. D., Charles G. Fisher, James I. Good, E. D. Wettach, D. E. Klopp, D. D., A. Romick, S. P. Mauger, from Phila. Classis.

Revs. Theo. Appel, D. D., D. W. Gerhard, W. J. Johnson, J. S. Stahr, Ph. D., from Lancaster Classis.

Revs. George S. Sorber, George B. Dechant, J. Calvin Leinbach, John A. Peters, of East Susquehanna Classis.

Revs. William A. Haas, A. Carl Whitmer, T. R. Deitz, from West Susquehanna Classis.

Revs. L. K. Evans, C. S. Wieand, from Goshenhoppen Classis.

Revs. Jacob Kehm, L. C. Sheip, from Tohickon Classis.

Revs. William R. Hafford, S. G. Wagner, D.D., A. J. G. Dubbs, D. D., William M. Reily, Ph.D., from Classis of Lehigh.

Revs. B. Bausman, D.D., R. F. Miller, from Classis of Schuylkill.

Revs. N. Gehr, D.D., J. B. Kniest, D.D., H. F. Berleman, W. Walenta, G. A. Scheer, from German Synod of the East.

Rev. D. B. Shuey, Missionary Superintendent of the State of Kansas.

Revs. L. D. Leberman, Classis of California, Synod of Potomac; J. David Miller, Juniata Classis, Synod of Potomac.

Other Churches.

Rev. William F. Faber, of Presbyterian Church; Revs. E. C. Yerkes and James Morrow, D.D., Secretary of Penna. Bible Society; both ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. I. K. Loos, D.D., delegate *secundus*, occupied several sessions the place of his *primarius*, Rev. T. O. Stem, and Rev. D. E. Klopp, D.D., delegate *secundus*, occupied the seat of Rev. D. W. Ebbert, and Rev. Charles G. Fisher, delegate *secundus*, the seat of Rev. J. D. Detrich during several sessions.

¹ Enrolled Thursday. ² Enrolled Friday. ³ Enrolled Saturday. ⁴ Excused after Saturday.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., of Lancaster, Pa., was chosen President.

Rev. Henry T. Spangler, of Collegeville, was elected Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. John P. Stein, of Millersville, is Stated Clerk.

Elder John Meily, of Lebanon, was re-elected Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order were read by the Stated Clerk. The bar of the house was defined to extend to the ninth row of seats across the church, including the annex.

The session hours adopted were from 9 A.M. to 12.30 P.M., and from 2 P.M. to 4.30 P.M.

Evening sessions were held on Saturday and Monday from 8 P.M. to 10 P.M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *Minutes of Synod*.—Revs. I. K. Loos, D.D., D. W. Ebbert, Alfred Houtz, Elders J. B. Moor and Daniel Troxel.
2. *Overtures*.—Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, E. J. Fogel, M. L. Fritch, Elders Isaac C. Gerhart and P. B. Edris.
3. *Religious Services*.—Revs. D. E. Klopp, D.D., George H. Johnston, Charles G. Fisher, Elders Abram Schwenk and William Keller.
4. *Minutes of Classes*.—Revs. N. Z. Snyder, L. J. Mayer, Daniel H. Leader, Elders D. E. Haverstick and J. R. Hilbush.
5. *Examination, Licensure and Ordination*.—Revs. J. H. Dubbs, D.D., A. S. Leinbach, D.D., S. C. Meckel, Elders Dr. F. W. Vandersloot and Isaac Bushong.
6. *State of Religion*.—Revs. John H. Sechler, Henry T. Spangler, Tilghman Derr, Elders Ephraim B. Shuey and Peter Burkey.
7. *Theological Seminary*.—Revs. William H. Groh, J. G. Dengler, A. J. Bachman, Elders William H. Seibert and S. H. Lenhart.
8. *Missions*.—Revs. William F. Lichliter, George W. Snyder, J. E. Smith, Elders R. H. Kramm and Jeremiah Sweinhart.
9. *Finance*.—Revs. Isaac S. Stahr, William M. Landis, H. J. Welker, Elders Abram Mader and Jared Harper.
10. *Nominations*.—Revs. H. Mosser, T. C. Leinbach, Thomas N. Reber, Elders Jacob G. Brown and Reuben Reigner.
11. *Publication*.—Revs. John M. Titzel, D.D., Thomas J. Hacker, S. R. Bridenbaugh, Elders Amos Hollinger and William Moyer.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh and Schuylkill were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical tables, which were referred to the standing committees on those subjects.

The Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, also the Annual Report of the Board of Education were received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

Communications were received from the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College and the Trustees of Synod, which were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions, the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, and a letter from the President of the Mission Board were referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Letters were received from the Stated Clerks of the Synod of Pittsburgh and of the Synod of the Potomac, which were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Other communications were received and handed to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last Annual Sessions of this Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on the Minutes of Synod to report the items of unfinished business claiming the attention of this body.

During the session of Friday afternoon this Committee submitted the following report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. It is as follows, to wit

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod beg leave to report the following items:

Item 1, p. 28. Apportionment for deficit in Annual Expenditures of Theological Seminary.

Item 2, p. 28. Request to Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Item 3, p. 30. Instructions to the Committee on Endowment of additional professorships in Theological Seminary.

Item 4, p. 64. Arrearages on Sinking Fund of Synod.

Item 5, p. 64. An item referred to certain Treasurers for adjustment.

Item 6, p. 64. Request to Treasurer of Synod and Treasurer of General Synod.

Item 7, p. 65. Tohickon Classis was directed to adjudicate the case of the Rev. J. M. Hartzell.

Item 8, p. 71. Action of Synod in relation to the Publication Board.

Item 9, p. 72. Instruction to Stated Clerk of Synod in reference to publication of Minutes of Synod.

Item 10, p. 81. Advice to Classes in reference to incorporation.

Item 11, p. 81. Instruction to Stated Clerks of Classes, to append to their transcript of minutes a schedule of items contained in their minutes for the use of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes.

Item 12, p. 81. Stated Clerk was instructed to have the Minutes of the Synod of United States and of General Synod bound and brought to the Annual Meetings of Synod.

Item 13, p. 81. Stated Clerk was instructed to procure a blank-

book and transcribe therein the charters of the several boards of this Synod.

Item 14, p. 81. Stated Clerk was instructed to procure block and gavel.

Respectfully submitted,

I. K. Loos, *Chairman.*

For the action on items 1, 2 and 3, see Article XIII. on Theological Seminary; on items 4, 5 and 6, see Article XV. on Finance; on item 7, see Article XVI. on Appeals and References; on items 8 and 9, see Article XIX. on Publication; on items 10 and 11, see Article X. on Minutes of Classes.

Items 12, 13 and 14 were reported as having been attended to.

In connection with the consideration of the first three items in Report on Minutes of Synod, having reference to the Theological Seminary, the following resolution was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on that subject:

Resolved, That the Committee on Theological Seminary be instructed to consider the matter of increasing the salary of Dr. F. A. Gast, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament history, and prepare a plan for so doing.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following Report, which was considered item by item and adopted.

Your Committee on Overtures respectfully report that the following documents were placed into its hands:

1. A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Pittsburgh Synod in reference to the Editor-in-chief of the *Messenger*.

2. A letter from the Rev. P. S. Davis, D.D.

3. The report of the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home.

4. A copy of "College Recollections," by Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D.

5. A copy of "The Lord's Portion," with a letter of explanation, from Mr. Daniel Miller, of Reading, Pa.

6. A copy of the Catalogue of Ursinus College for 1885, also a copy of the Register of Franklin and Marshall College, and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster for the same year.

7. A letter from the Stated Clerk of Potomac Synod suggesting its candidates for re-election on the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

8. The action of the Potomac Synod in regard to the College at Wichita, Kansas.

9. A request from the Church of the Strangers, West Phila.
11. A communication from the Centennial Committee appointed by the Alumni Association of Franklin and Marshall College.
12. A letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College
13. A copy of the "*Gospel Call*," by Rev. J. K. Millet; also a copy of "*Child's Life of Christ*," by Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D.D., from the publisher, Mr. Daniel Miller, Reading, Pa.
14. A telegram and letter from Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Abilene, Kansas, also a proposition from the Board of Trade of the same place for the establishment of a Reformed College in that city.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Chairman.*

For the action on items 1 and 2, see Article XIX. on Publication; on 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, see Article XXI. on Miscellaneous Subjects; on item 7, see Article XIII. on Theological Seminary; on item 9, see Article XIV. on Missions.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

All the sessions were opened and closed with religious services. The committee on this subject reported the following order of services, which was adopted, and the persons designated, filled their respective appointments:

Your Committee on Religious Services begs, 1st, to present the following order for the services in memory of Rev. J. W. Nevin, D.D. LL.D.: At 8 P.M., Thursday evening, Rev. A. S. Leinbach, D.D., to preside. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D.D. Main addresses by Rev. H. Mosser and Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., followed by voluntary addresses by the members of Synod, not exceeding five minutes in length; these addresses to be interspersed with suitable hymns, closing with the benediction. 2d. Religious services in the Church of the Strangers.

Friday Evening—Preparatory Services. Sermon by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew.

Sunday—10.30 A.M. Communion Sermon by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D.

Sunday—7.30 P.M. Sermon by Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh.

Sunday-School—3 P.M. Addresses by Revs. W. H. Lichliter, J. D. Detrich and Elder William Moyer.

First Reformed Church—Tenth and Wallace. 10.30 A.M., Rev. J. M. Titzel, D.D.; 7.30 P.M., Rev. A. R. Thompson.

Christ Church—Green Street, below Sixteenth. 10.30 A.M., Rev. J. A. Peters; 7.30 P.M., Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D.

Trinity Church—Seventh, below Oxford. 10.30 A.M., Rev. Warren J. Johnson; 7.30 P.M., Rev. J. A. Peters.

Heidelberg Reformed Church—Nineteenth and Oxford. 10.30 A.M., Rev. H. Mosser; 7.30 P.M., Rev. J. H. Sechler.

Grace Reformed Church—Tenth, below Dauphin. 7.30 P.M., Rev. H. J. Welker.

Emanuel Reformed Church—Thirty-eighth and Baring Streets. 10.30 A.M., Rev. N. Z. Snyder; 2 P.M., Sunday-school, Rev. S. C. Meckel.

Bethel Reformed Mission—Twenty-first and Tasker Streets. Dedication at 3 P.M.; sermons by Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D.D., and John H. Sechler.

Salem's Church—Fourth and Fairmount Avenue. 7.30 P.M., Rev. S. C. Meckel.

Church of the Ascension—Norristown, Pa. 10.30 A.M., Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh.

St. Paul's Reformed Church—Seventeenth and Fitzwater Streets. Rev. W. J. Peters.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. E. KLOPP, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted its report. It was read, considered item by item and adopted as a whole.

The report reads as follows, to wit:

The Committee on Minutes of Classis begs leave to offer the following for consideration:

I. Irregularities.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis fails to put the seal on the Statistical Report.

2. Lebanon Classis fails to certify to the Report on the State of the Church and to the Statistical Report.

3. Lebanon Classis does not append a schedule of items to its Minutes, as instructed by Synod.

4. East Susquehanna Classis closed a special meeting without religious services and failed to approve its Minutes, p. 6.

5. West Susquehanna Classis fails to certify to the Report on the State of the Church.

6. West Susquehanna Classis heard the Parochial Reports without making mention that the elders were examined, p. 10.

7. West Susquehanna Classis does not give the name of the

church in several calls for special meetings, pages 1 and 5 and 6 and 7.

8. West Susquehanna Classis issued a call for a special meeting without giving any location, p. 3.

9. Goshenhoppen Classis failed to put its seal on its Minutes and on the report on the State of the Church and the Statistical Report.

10. Lehigh Classis appointed a committee to ordain the Licentiate John M. Kessler, as a missionary, and dismisses him to the Classis of Miami, Synod of Ohio, without stating that he was ordained, p. 28.

11. Schuylkill Classis fails to state that the elders present at the organization presented credentials, p. 2.

12. Schuylkill Classis marks no adjournment from the beginning to the end of its annual session, and does not state that the Minutes were read before the close of the session.

II. Requests, References, &c.

1. Philadelphia Classis overtures Synod to establish by synodical authority the custom of annually gathering offerings in the churches on Reformation Day, in aid of the cause of Theological Education, p. 30.

2. Lancaster Classis requests Synod to cancel the \$31.34 standing against it for Washington Mission, p. 33.

3. Lancaster Classis overtures Synod to request General Synod that the third Sunday in June of each year be set apart as Children's Day, p. 34.

4. Lancaster Classis directs its Stated Clerk to record the fact that Rev. S. M. Roeder was present at the beginning of Synod, and not from the second day, as stated in the Minutes, p. 32.

5. East Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to appoint a Children's Day for next year, p. 81.

6. East Susquehanna Classis overtures Synod to authorize the division of the Classical Territory, constituting two new classes, p. 114.

7. East Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to authorize East Susquehanna Classis at its next annual meeting to dismiss those ministers whose charges are located in the two contemplated classes, p. 115.

8. Schuylkill Classis suggests to Synod the propriety of taking action on the "Church Union" movement, p. 35.

III. Appeals and Complaints.

1. Rev. John Kretzing gives notice to East Pennsylvania of appeal to Synod, p. 48.

2. Rev. J. M. Hartzell gives notice to Tohickon Classis of appeal to Synod, p. 12, and again on p. 13.

3. Rev. H. F. Seiple gives notice to Tohickon Classis of appeal to Synod, p. 39, again on p. 40 and also on p. 88.

IV. Subjects Referred to Classes.

All the Classes took favorable action in matters referred to them by Synod, with the following exceptions :

1. East Pennsylvania Classis does not acknowledge any arrearages on Gelbach Claim, p. 48.

2. East Susquehanna Classis reiterates its claim that it has virtually been excused from its share of indebtedness to Washington Chapel, p. 49.

3. Goshenhoppen Classis, with all respect to Synod, disputes the statement in regard to the Gelbach Claim, p. 10.

4. Goshenhoppen Classis disputes the arrearages on Washington Chapel Fund, and instructs its delegates to explain the matter to Synod, p. 14.

V. Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismission.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis licensed Messrs. Wilson F. More and Rufus W. Miller; received Rev. John Kretzing from Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Licentiate George B. Smith from Tohickon Classis and Licentiate J. O. Lindaman from Lehigh Classis, and dismissed Licentiate Rufus W. Miller to Schuylkill Classis.

2. Lebanon Classis received the Licentiate Thomas M. Yundt from the Lehigh Classis, and dismissed Rev. M. Peters to the La Crosse Presbytery, Synod of Wisconsin.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed Mr. Henry A. Bomberger; received Licentiate James W. Messinger from the Carlisle Classis, Synod of the Potomac; dismissed Rev. George S. Sorber to East Susquehanna Classis, Licentiate B. F. Davis to Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, Rev. C. W. Levan to East Pennsylvania Classis, Licentiate H. A. Bomberger to Tohickon Classis, Rev. M. S. Rowland to Presbytery of Monmouth, Synod of New Jersey; ordained Licentiate S. U. Snyder and erased the name of Rev. J. S. Hartzell from its roll.

4. Lancaster Classis ordained Licentiate Warren J. Johnson and Theo. G. De Lyre; received Rev. Newton J. Miller from West Susquehanna Classis; dismissed Rev. John Kuelling, D.D., to the German Classis of Philadelphia, German Synod of the East, Rev. A. J. Olinger to Classis of Portland, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. J. B. Shoemaker, D.D., to Philadelphia Classis.

5. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. D. E. Schoedler from the Classis of San Francisco, Synod of the Potomac, Rev. George S. Sorber from Philadelphia Classis, Rev. Joshua H. Derr from the Classis of Gettysburg, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. L. C. Edmonds from Tohickon Classis.

6. West Susquehanna Classis ordained Licentiate William E. Hoy; received Rev. John Dotterer from the Westmoreland Classis,

Synod of Pittsburgh, and Rev. D. L. Steckel from the Schuylkill Classis; and dismissed Rev. W. E. Hoy for the purpose of uniting with Revs. A. D. Gring and J. P. Moore in organizing a Classis in Japan, and Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart to the Kansas Classis, Synod of Ohio.

8. Tohickon Classis licensed Mr. Morris W. Mauch and Mr. Jacob G. Dubbs; ordained Licentiate Jacob G. Dubbs; received Rev. F. F. Christine from the St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Licentiate Milton H. Mill from Goshenhoppen Classis; dismissed Licentiate G. B. Smith to East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. G. W. Roth to Schuylkill Classis, Rev. L. C. Edmonds to East Susquehanna Classis, and deposed the Rev. J. M. Hartzell.

9. Lehigh Classis licensed Messrs. John M. Kessler, John O. Lindaman, Phaon W. Snyder, Professor E. L. Kemp and Mr. John J. Stauffer; ordained the Licentiate John M. Kessler; received Rev. Neri F. Peters from the Classis of Juniata, Synod of the Potomac; dismissed Rev. I. E. Graeff to the Classis of Schuylkill, Licentiate Thomas M. Yundt to the Classis of Lebanon, Licentiate Phaon W. Snyder to Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Licentiate John J. Stauffer to Classis of Gettysburg, Synod of the Potomac, Licentiate John O. Lindaman to Classis of East Pennsylvania and Rev. John M. Kessler to Classis of Miami, Synod of Ohio.

10. Schuylkill Classis licensed Mr. D. A. Souders; received Licentiate R. A. Miller from East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. G. W. Roth from Tohickon Classis and Rev. I. E. Graeff from Lehigh Classis; dismissed Rev. L. D. Steckel to West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. S. A. Leinbach to Lebanon Classis and Licentiate D. A. Souders to Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

VI. Miscellaneous.

1. The Tamaqua congregation, under the pastorate of the Rev. I. E. Graeff, was transferred from Lehigh Classis to Schuylkill Classis and the Schell's Church from Lancaster Classis to Lebanon Classis.

VII. Time and Place of Meeting.

1. *East Pennsylvania Classis* will meet in the Hamilton Reformed Church, Monroe County, Pa., on the first Friday after Ascension Day, A.D. 1887, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. T. A. Huber, *President*; Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk*.

2. *Lebanon Classis* will meet in St. Peter's Chapel, Stouchsburg, Berks County, Pa., on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, 1887, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. M. L. Fritch, *President*; Rev. J. E. Hiester, D.D., *Stated Clerk*.

3. *Philadelphia Classis* will meet in the Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., on Thursday, May 19, 1887, at 8 P.M.

Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., LL.D., *President*; Rev. J. H. Sechler, *Stated Clerk*.

4. *Lancaster Classis* will meet in Christ Reformed Church in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pa., on Ascension Day, May 19, A.D. 1887, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. John S. Stahr, Ph.D., *President*; Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*.

5. *East Susquehanna Classis* will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Turbottsville, Northumberland County, Pa., on Wednesday, May 18th, 1887, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. George P. Hartzell, *President*; Rev. S. Sidney Kohler, *Stated Clerk*.

6. *West Susquehanna Classis* will meet in Christ Reformed Church, Adamsburg, Snyder County, Pa., on the third Wednesday of May, 1887, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. D. O. Shoemaker, *President*; Rev. W. H. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

7. *Goshenhoppen Classis* will meet in the Zionsville Reformed Church, Zionsville, Lehigh County, Pa., on Friday before Ascension Day, 1887, at 2 P.M. Rev. C. H. Herbst, *President*; Rev. L. J. Mayer, *Stated Clerk*.

8. *Tohickon Classis* will meet in Jerusalem Church, Ridge Road, Bucks County, Pa., on Friday after Ascension Day (May 20, 1887), at 7.30 P.M. Rev. J. G. Dengler, *President*; Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

9. *Lehigh Classis* will meet in the Reformed Church in the Borough of Cedarville, Lehigh County, Pa., on the second Tuesday before Ascension Day, May 10, A.D. 1887, at 10 o'clock A.M. Rev. Thomas N. Reber, *President*; Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *Stated Clerk*.

10. *Schuylkill Classis* will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Shenandoah, Pa., on the first Thursday of May (the 5th), A.D. 1887, at 7.45 P.M. Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, *President*; Rev. J. Alvin Reber, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Z. SNYDER, *Chairman*.

I. The several items reported as irregularities were adopted. II. Requests and References: All the requests made of the Classes were adopted. For further action on 1st and 3d items, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous. In regard to the request in the 5th item, Synod appointed the third Sunday in June as Children's Day. On 6th, 7th and 8th items, see Article XX., on Church Government. III. Appeals: On 1st, 2d and 3d items, see Article XVI., on Appeals. IV. The items under the head of "Subjects Referred" were adopted. For further action on the 2d, 3d and 4th items, under this general head, see Article XV., on Finance. The items under the V., VI. and VII. general heads were all adopted.

ARTICLE XL

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would respectfully report that no application for Examination has been received, and that no other business has been referred to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. DUBBS, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following report on the State of the Church was received and adopted. It reads as follows:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—Humbly grateful to Almighty God for the sparing Providence, that has permitted this ecclesiastical body once more to assemble in synodical session, your Committee on the State of Religion and Morals begs leave to offer the following report:

The reports on the State of Religion in the several Classes have been carefully examined and their contents noted. Evidence of the presence of opposing forces is manifest. The cause of the Lord is opposed by the prince of darkness. The Philistine is still in the land. Despite opposition, the work that is of God moves steadily forward. Earthen vessels to whom has been committed divine treasure, have been faithful to their trust. Greater or less results have been achieved according to the measure of the gift of Christ. "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." According to his several ability the trust is imposed. Fidelity, and not results, is the divine requirement.

Actions speak louder than words. Good works are the manifestation of faith, and "faith without works is dead." Of the state of religion, of the presence and absence of saving faith, within the bounds of our Zion embraced by this Synod, we must judge from the spirit and works reported by the Classes.

The watchmen upon the walls have given forth no uncertain sound. They have preached the word, catechized the youth, administered the sacraments and exemplified the truth that "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep themselves unspotted from the world."

The spirit of progress in church-work is apparent and evangelical religion is growing in favor. New churches, twelve of which are enumerated, have been erected; old churches have been remodeled; church debts have been liquidated; missions have been established and charges have been reconstructed, securing greater efficiency in the work of the Lord. Efforts at discontinuance of union churches are growing in favor. The truth is generally recognized that they are union only in name.

The services attendant upon public worship in God's house have been well attended, and in many congregations there has been a special work of grace. An unusually large proportion of the membership availed itself of the holy privilege of showing the Lord's death until He come, in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The Sunday-schools give evidence of increased life and activity. The third Sunday in June, set apart by this Synod as Children's Day, was generally observed by the schools with blessed results.

Young men, realizing their responsibility and appreciating their privilege, are in greater numbers coming up to the help of the Lord and consecrating their talents to His service.

Christian mothers, wives and daughters in the church are banding together in labor for God. Women's Missionary Societies, both classical and congregational, attest the love and zeal of these women for their Lord.

Pastors bear testimony that the patrons of church periodicals are the most active and efficient members of the church.

We gladly note a growing sentiment against the liquor traffic, one of the monster evils of the day and a foul blot on modern civilization. The religion of Jesus Christ is the only weapon that can effectually overthrow it.

We have great reason to rejoice at the measure of success attending our educational institutions,—academic, collegiate and theological. A church holding to the educational system of religion, we see in the advanced strides and increased prosperity of Christian education an augur of great good to our Zion.

It were strange, indeed, if after what has already been noted, we could not add that benevolence, both in spirit and in deed, is on the increase. Contributions for benevolent objects are largely in excess of those reported last year. The cause of Home and of Foreign Missions, of the Orphans' Home and of Beneficiary Education have each came closer to the hearts and sympathies and practical charity of our people.

Comparing the statistics of last year with the statistics reported this year, in those respects which indicate numerically and spiritually the condition of the church, we obtain gratifying results, well worthy of mention. Seven new congregations have been formed. There is increase of 1951 in membership, of 53 in number of per-

sons confirmed, of 5444 in list of communicants, of 24 in list of Sunday-schools, of 3343 in number of Sunday-school scholars, of 8 persons as students for the ministry, and of \$11,539 for benevolence.

It is fitting that this report conclude with a reference to the close of the earthly labors of those of our co-workers, and workers together with God who have been called up higher.

Death has had a rich harvest; 2284 marks the number of those whose souls have returned unto God, of Him to be judged for the deeds done in the body. Of this number, many are lamented by the church and missed from her councils. Faithful office-bearers and earnest Christian men and women in the private ranks of the church have gone to the reward that awaits the righteous.

The Classes report to us, that of the gospel ministry two of the brethren have fallen asleep. Fathers in Israel, they reached more than the ripe old age of four-score years. Revs. John Gring and John Williamson Nevin, D.D. LL.D., are no longer of the church militant. Now of the church triumphant, "they rest from their labors and their works do follow them." The influence of their lives remains.

The active ministerial life of Father Gring was given to the work of the pastorate. For forty-six years he ministered to his first and only charge.

Dr. Nevin's energies were devoted to the sphere of Christian education. Uniting with the Reformed Church in the United States in 1840, he occupied at different periods the chairs of Professor of Theology and of President of Marshall College, and of Franklin and Marshall College, bringing to each a rare and ripe scholarship. As a philosopher and as a theologian he was eminent in a high degree. He was among the first—if not the first—to make the Philosophy of History a science. But his richest legacy to us is his deep spirituality and devoted attachment to the written word of God, and consistent Christian practice, which characterized the man.

Both—Fathers Gring and Nevin—are with the saints on high. With us and all the saints below they still but one communion make.

With gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the efficient presence of His Spirit in the past, and with confidence in His abiding with us in the future, we respectfully submit our report.

JOHN H. SECHLER, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Report, see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

No report having been received from the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, we can only give the extract forwarded by the Secretary to the Synod.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

Extract from Minutes of Board of Trustees of Seminary at a meeting held at Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., October 1, 1886.

"A communication from Doctor E. V. Gerhart was read, which urged the reapproval of last year's financial measures and treated of particular Seminary matters."

"A communication was received from Eugene G. Smith, of Lancaster, declining to serve as a member of the Board; and the death of John Heilman was also reported, thus creating a vacancy of two members."

Attest, GEORGE Z. KUNKEL, *Secretary.*

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1885.

DR.

Oct. 1.	1.	For balance due per acct. rendered .	\$521 26
" 1.	1.	For Interest S. M. Keen, to Oct. 1,	
		1886	75 00
" 1.	"	W. H. Riner to Oct. 1,	
		1886	30 00
" 5.	"	Jacob Heyser on acct. .	75 00
" 9.	"	Kieffer & Cook, legacy .	267 50
" 10.	"	Mayer, mortgage to Oct.	
		1, 1885	90 00
" 20.	"	Jno. H. Brubaker on acct	50 00
" 22.	"	N. Groff to Oct. 1, '85 .	30 00
" 28.	"	W. L. Harbaugh on acct	36 00
Nov. 3.	"	E. M. Killough to Nov. 1,	
		'85	75 00
" 16.	"	E. V. Gerhart to Oct. 1,	
		'85	18 00
" 23.	"	Geo. Sarbaugh to Oct. 1,	
		'85	90 00
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Jany. 1.	"	C. A. Shultz, treasurer	
		Zion's Classis	5 11
" 4.	"	Home bonds to Oct. 1, '85	5 00
" 29.	"	Lehigh V. R. R. bonds .	150 00
" 29.	"	Allemania Fire Insurance	
		Company	40 00
Feb. 1.	"	E. S. Stehman to Feb. 3,	
		'86	15 00
" 4.	"	St. Stephen's Chapel to	
		Oct. 29, '85	42 00
" 9.	"	John Becker to Feb. 8, '86	240 00

Mch. 2.	For Interest	W. L. Harbaugh in full	51 50
" 8.	"	E. J. Zahm to March 1,	
		'86	250 76
" 9.	"	Geo. Schroyer to Feb. 8,	
		'86	105 00
" 23.	"	Mayer mort., to Apl. 1,	
		'86	90 00
" 29.	"	Adam Keen to April 1,	
		'86	30 00
" 30.	"	W. H. Riner to April 1,	
		'86	30 00
" 31.	"	Houseworth mortg. in full	
		to Apl. 1, '86	45 00
" 31.	"	H. Stamm to Apl. 1, '86 .	7 58
Apl. 1.	"	S. M. Keen to Apl. 1, '86	75 00
" 2.	"	F. Schaum mort. to Apl.	
		1, '86	30 00
" 3.	"	Stacy mort. to June 12,	
		'86	48 00
" 6.	"	Jacob Heyser on acct. .	100 00
" 6.	"	A. B. Wingerd mort. May	
		1, '85	193 44
" 6.	"	John H. Brubaker to	
		April 1, '86	40 00
" 9.	"	Geo. Carbaugh on ac't. .	120 00
" 12.	"	John Kepner to April 1,	
		'86	126 00
" 12.	"	E. G. Smith in full . .	24 00
" 13.	"	Jacob Heyser on acct. .	50 00
" 13.	"	Rev. J. Kretzing to Dec.	
		9, '86	12 00
" 19.	"	Geo. Sarbaugh to Apl. 1,	
		'86	90 00
" 20.	"	Kieffer & Cook legacy .	237 50
" 20.	"	N Groff to Apl. 1, '86 .	30 00
May 1.	"	E. M. Killough to May	
		1, '86	75 00
" 4.	"	Job Robinson to Apl. 25,	
		'86	60 00
" 5.	"	Zion's Classis to May 1, '86,	
		C. A. Shultz treas. . .	23 22
" 12.	"	L. P. & C. Titus, Apl. 1, '86	18 00
" 14.	"	W. A. Haas, treas. Susque-	
		hanna Classis	4 24
" 31.	"	F. A. Rupley, treas. Juni-	
		ata Classis to July 1, '86.	25 50

June 19.	For Interest Carlisle Classis in full, G. E. Addams, treas., . . .	9 96
" 26.	" G. S. Griffith in full . . .	44 17
July 9.	" Harrisburg Bridge Com- pany Stock	6 60
" 17.	" Tobias Royer to Aug. 1, '86	12 00
" 24.	" E. V. Gerhart in full . .	14 70
Aug. 9.	" Geo. W. Shroyer to Aug. 8, '86	105 00
" 10.	" Lehigh Valley R. R. bonds	150 00
" 10.	" on investment returned by Geo. A. Gross	7 87
" 11.	" A. Keen to Oct. 1, '86 . .	30 00
" 12.	" Lebanon Classis to July 1, '86	15 00
" 12.	" Lane & Co., to Aug. 1, '86	120 00
" 12.	" Home Bonds to Apl. 1, '86	5 00
" 14.	" W. Susquehanna Classis on acct	5 25
" 24.	" Jacob Heyser on acct . .	75 00
" 28.	" John Becker to Aug. 28, '86	240 00
Sept. 2.	" F. Schaum to Oct. 1, '86	30 00
" 11.	" Schuylkill Classis to July 1, '86	15 00
" 14.	" Lehigh Classis to Oct. 1, '86	15 00
" 18.	" Job Robinson per Hon. John Cessna	8 50
" 18.	" John B. Roth to April 1, '86	180 00
" 28.	" paid by Jacob Heyser on acct	75 00
" 29.	" on part of Kieffer to Aug. 1, '86	125 00
" 30.	For amount of Aid Fund received from Oct. 1, '85 to Oct. 1, '86	469 18

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Oct. 27.	Ry Lane & Co., Bill paid	1 12
Nov. 10.	By Amount paid Theodore Appel, D.D., Secr'y. B. V.	100 00
" 11.	" " E. V. Gerhart, salary ac- count	200 00
" 11.	" " Thos. G. Apple, salary account	200 00
" 11.	" " F. A. Gast, salary acct.	150 00

Dec. 3.	By Amount paid Apple & McKinstry, bill	2 94
" 19.	" " E. V. Gerhart, salary to Jan. 1, '86	175 00
" 19.	" " Thos. G. Apple, salary to Jan. 1, '86	175 00
" 19.	" " F. A. Gast, salary to Jan. 1, '86	100 00
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Feb. 6.	" " E. V. Gerhart, salary on acct	200 00
" 6.	" " Thomas G. Apple, salary on acct	200 00
" 6.	" " F. A. Gast, salary on acct	125 00
Mch. 12.	" " E. V. Gerhart, salary to Apl. 1, '86	175 00
" 12.	" " Thos. G. Apple, salary to Apl. 1, '86	175 00
" 12.	" " F. A. Gast, salary to Apl. 1, '86	125 00
" 13.	" " J. Bausman, Treas. F. & M. Col.	100 00
Apl. 6.	" " Intelligencer prnt'g. bill	18 66
" 17.	" " W. Hubert, bill, repairs	8 05
" 27.	" " E. V. Gerhart, salary on acct	200 00
" 27.	" " Thos. G. Apple, salary on acct	200 00
" 27.	" " F. A. Gast, salary on ac- count	150 00
" 27.	" " McKinstry's bill . . .	2 00
May 8.	" " E. V. Gerhart, stamped envelopes	2 10
" 18.	" " John B. Roth, salary on account	150 00
" 18.	" " D. Miles' Bill	6 62
" 29.	" " E. V. Gerhart, salary to July 1, '86	175 00
June 11.	" " Thos. G. Apple, salary to July 1, '86	175 00
" 11.	" " F. A. Gast, salary to July 1, '86	100 00
July 10.	" " W. Hubert's bill . . .	6 18
" 29.	" " Bill repairs at T. G. Ap- ple's house	1 00
Aug. 10.	" " E. V. Gerhart, salary on account	200 00

Aug. 10.	By	Amount paid	Thos. G. Apple, salary on account	200 00
" 10.	"	"	F. A. Gast, salary to Oct. 1, '86	250 00
" 10.	"	"	Back int. on Investment	29 86
" 10.	"	"	Int. to Library Fund to Oct. 1, '86	79 19
" 16.	"	"	B. B. Martin's coal bill	56 00
Sept. 6.	"	"	Klopp Legacy, Int. to Oct. 1, '86	40 00
" 6.	"	"	E. V. Gerhart, salary to Oct. 1, '86	175 00
" 6.	"	"	Thos. G. Apple, salary Oct. 1, '86	175 00
" 6.	"	"	J. Bausman, Treas. F. & M. Col.	100 00
" 6.	"	"	J. B. Roth, salary in full	50 00
" 6.	"	"	Stamps, paper and envelopes	5 00
" 27.	"	"	D. S. Kurtz's bill repairs	5 38
" 27.	"	"	A. K. Hoffmier, chairs	5 50
" 29.	"	"	W. Woehlson's bill, tables	7 50
" 29.	"	"	Jno. L. Arnold's bill repairs	4 30
" 30.	"	"	W. Woehlson's bill repairs	33 75
				\$4815 15

Amount Dr. brought forward \$5604 84

Amount Cr. brought down 4815 15

October 1, '86, Balance due Theo. Sem. is . \$789 69

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

This balance is principally made up by Synodical apportionments paid for 1886.

TREAS.

Library Fund Account.

Library Fund Principal \$2069 96

John B. Roth, Treas. in Acct.,

1886.

Mch. 9. To Interest received of E. J. Zahm to March 1, '86 11 46

Aug. 10. To Interest from Endowment Fund account to Oct. 1, '86 79 19

\$90 65

1885.			Cr.	
Oct. 1.	By Bal. due Treas.			4 71
" 7.	By amount paid Roy's bill			9 00
" 29.	" " Stoddart's bill			6 00
1886.				
Mch. 12.	" " Scribner's Sons			1 00
" 12.	" " D. Appleton & Co.			42 00
" 12.	" " Dr. F. A. Gast's book bill			8 28
" 24.	" " R. O'Boyle's bill			3 00
Apl. 13.	" " S. H. Zahm & Co.'s bill			26 55
May 29.	" " F. W. Christern's bill			2 80
" 31.	" " F. Brimmer's bill			50
July 1.	" " W. H. Delaney's bill			6 00
Sep. 11.	" " I. M. Stoddart & Co.			6 00
Oct. 1, '86, By Amount Dr. brought down				\$115 84
Oct. 1, '86, Bal. due Treas.				\$25 19

The undersigned Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared his vouchers, find the same correct.

October 1, '86.

ISAAC H. KEEFER, }
C. A. SHULTZ, } *Auditors.*

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

1886.		
Oct. 1.	To amount of Principal of Fund	\$12,883 05

Interest on same used by order of Seminary Board for current expense account of Seminary and accounted for in Treasurer's report.

PITTSBURGH PROF. FUND.

1886.		
Oct. 1.	To Amount of Fund	\$1718 30
Interest accounted for same as in Building Fund.		

SMALTZ FUND.

1886.		
Oct. 1.	To Amount of Fund	\$5000 00
	For interest received on same to Oct. 1, '86	275 00

Cr.

By Amount paid Rev. Charles G. Fisher,
Treas. of Board of Education . . . \$275.00

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

Lancaster, Oct. 1, '86.

STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENT FUND:

Oct. 1, '85	\$68,224 76
Less amount of Note ordered to be deducted by Board Oct. 6, '85	500 00
Amount Oct. 1, '86	<u>\$67,724 76</u>

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

STATEMENT OF AID FUND OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FROM OCT. 1, '85, TO OCT. 1, '86.

1885.

Oct. 27.	From St Stephen's Congregation, Lancaster	\$5 00
Nov. 17.	" M. E. Doll, Treas. of Potomac Synod	65 00

1886.

Jan. 15.	" Christ Reformed Church, Philadelphia, E. J. Santee, Treas. .	22 14
" 25.	" Rev D. B. Schneder, Marietta charge	1 93
May 17.	" J. W. Love, Treas. Westmoreland Classis	50 00
" 21.	" C. A. Shultz, Treas., from Shrewsbury charge	4 40
" 25.	" Gettysburg Classis	50 00
" 27.	" C. A. Shultz, Treas. Zion's Classis	2 72
June 8.	" Rev. Geo. E. Addams, Treas. Carlisle Classis	13 02
" 11.	" St. Luke's charge, Lancaster	1 00
" 16.	" Zion's Ref. Church or N. Providence	\$2 50
" 16.	" St. Paul's, Quarryville	2 50
July 9.	" Marietta charge, Rev. D. B. Schneder	9 88
Aug. 14.	" St. John's charge, Williamsport	7 00
Sep. 1.	" Sunday-School of the Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Rev. J. O. Johnson	12 52
" 22.	" Lehigh Classis, Synodical Apportionment, 1886	79 00
" 27.	" E. Pennsylvania Classis, Synodical Apportionment, 1886	65 00
" 29.	" Rev W. A. Haas, Treas. W. Susquehanna Classis on account of Synodical apportionment, 1886	8 57

Sep. 29. From Schuylkill Classis, Synodical Ap-
portionment, 1886 67 00

\$469 18

1886.

DR.

Oct. 1. By Transfer to Endowment Fund Acct \$469 18

Total of funds in hands of Treasurer:

Endowment Fund	\$67,724 76
Building "	12,83 05
Library "	2,069 96
Smaltz "	5,000 00
Pittsburgh Prof Fund	1,718 30
	<u>-----\$89,396 07</u>

(b) *Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1885-86.*

To the Rev. Synod of the United States.

Dear Brethren:—The Board of Visitors of the Seminary, mindful of the good Providence of God, and thankful to Him for the continuance of His favor resting on our School of the Prophets during the past year, present to your honorable body the following as their Annual Report:

During the past year the following young men were admitted to the Seminary as members of the Junior Class: T. McCauley Biser, Daniel S. Kurtz, Stewart U. Mitman, John F. Moyer, Aaron Noll, S. Charles Stover, Charles B. Schneder, J. Stewart Hartman (a graduate of Pennsylvania College) and Ernest Wagner (graduate of Muhlenberg College).

John M. Kessler, Esq., a graduate of Mercersburg College, a lawyer by profession, was allowed to pursue an elective course in the Seminary, confining himself mostly to the studies of the Senior Class. At the end of the year he received a certificate from the Board stating the facts in the case, with which he presented himself to his Classis as a candidate for licensure. Richard C. Schiedt, a graduate of the University of Berlin, and Max Puhl, a graduate of the Teachers' Seminary, at Berlin, Prussia, were admitted to the Middle Class. The whole number of students added to the Seminary during the year was twelve.

The following persons, members of the Senior Class, having pursued the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were dismissed, and at the Anniversary of the Seminary presented with the usual testimonials attesting these facts: J. Nevin Bauman, Robert E. Crum, John F. Mackley, Maurice W. Mauch, Milton H.

Mill, Rufus W. Miller, Wilson F. More, James W. Meyer, Gustave A. Schwedes and David A. Souders. They have all been licensed by their respective Classes and are now engaged in the active duties of the ministry.

During the past year twenty-eight students have been connected with the Seminary,—eleven in the Senior, seven in the Middle and nine in the Junior Class, with one resident graduate.

Felix Baum, supposed to be a sincere convert from the Roman Catholic Church, having been previously examined by one of the Classes and recommended by the same as a suitable person to study for the ministry in the Church, was permitted to pursue his studies for a time in the Junior Class; but he soon showed that he was unsettled in his mind and returned again to the Catholic Church. The faculty was painfully impressed with his duplicity and ascertained to their deep regret that he was entirely unworthy of their confidence. Not having sustained his probation, he was excluded from the Seminary.

We are sorry that we must also report that a member of the Middle Class was found guilty of a grievous sin, and that the Faculty were under the necessity of dismissing him from the Seminary. When confronted with the evidence of his guilt, he manifested deep contrition and great distress of mind. He was required to leave the institution at once and not to return until the evidence of his repentance was fully established.

With these two exceptions, the moral tone of the institution has been about as good as usual. The students have pursued the prescribed course of studies faithfully and diligently, and a large majority of them with a gratifying measure of success. The exceptions, however, just referred to, should serve as a lesson to all alike. They should, as we think, be regarded as a monition from God to guard with sacred jealousy the honor and purity of the institution; to ministers and others not to encourage young men to study for the ministry unless they are found to be worthy; and to the students they should serve as an incentive to greater watchfulness and prayer, to greater abstraction from the world, and to a higher degree of true piety, so that their minds may be fixed the more steadily in their high and holy calling, and be kept from entangling alliances with the world.

Two petitions were presented to the Board from the students, the one asking for a teacher of elocution, and the other for better accommodations in a separate building for the use of the Seminary. It is believed that an arrangement can be made with the College authorities by which the students shall hereafter enjoy the benefit of a more extensive training for public speaking. The importance of a suitable building for the use of the Seminary has long been felt, and this Board earnestly recommends to the Synod and to the

Board of Trustees to devise further measures by which this object may be secured at no distant day. It will tend in more ways than one, to promote the efficiency of the institution, and to assist the professors in the discharge of their duties. As directed by the Board of Visitors, the Secretary presents a copy of the Charter of the Theological Seminary, with recent amendments, with the request that it be printed in the Minutes of Synod.

The examinations of the students, oral and written, were satisfactory, and it affords us pleasure to add that at the recent opening of the Seminary, in September, there was an unusually large accession of new students—seventeen in all.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

Lancaster, Pa., October 2, 1886.

(c) *Report of the Board of Education.*

Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with Charles G. Fisher, Treasurer:

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By Balance in hand, October 1, 1885	\$1045 91
By Cash per Treasurer Tohickon Classis . .	434 03
“ “ East Pennsylvania Classis	320 00
“ “ Board of Publication, interest	180 84
“ from Whitemarsh Congregation . .	15 00
“ per J. B. Roth, Treasurer Theological Seminary, Smaltz Fund Int. .	275 00
“ per J. B. Roth, Treasurer Theological Seminary, Klopp Legacy . .	40 00
“ per 2 Dividends, Harrisburg National Bank	22 50
“ from Rev. P. M. Trexler, payment on Loan	137 50
	\$2470 78

DR.

To Cash paid beneficiaries, Tohickon Classis .	\$434 03
“ “ East Pennsylvania Classis	320 00
“ “ on Smaltz Fund . .	420 00
“ “ General Fund . .	1010 00
“ Rev. Theodore Appel, Secretary, Salary	20 00

To Cash paid Rev. Theodore Appel, expenses	
to Easton	6 18
" Treasurer's expenses to Easton	
and Lancaster	7 50
Balance in hand	253 07
	\$2470 78

The undersigned would beg leave to report that he carefully examined the report of the Treasurer and the accompanying vouchers and found every thing correct.

S. G. WAGNER, *Auditor.*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing documents were referred, submitted its report. The report was considered item by item and adopted. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary would respectfully report:

The following documents were referred to us, viz.: The Report of the Treasurer; the Report of the Board of Visitors; the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, an extract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary, and a resolution of this Synod in regard to the salary of Prof. Gast.

From the Treasurer's Report we learn that the income of the Seminary was \$5604.84, while the expenditures were \$4815.15; thus leaving a balance in the treasury of \$789.69.

The Board of Visitors find room for thankfulness for the continuance of the favor of the Lord resting on our School of the Prophets. They report the Christian deportment and the diligence of the students in the pursuit of their studies, with two sad exceptions, as good as usual. They also call attention to two petitions from the students, the one asking for a teacher of elocution, and the other asking for better accommodations in a separate building for the use of the Seminary. They also request that the Charter of the Theological Seminary be printed in the minutes of this Synod.

The Board of Trustees urge the re-approval of last year's financial measures, and communicate the fact that Eugene G. Smith declined to serve as a member of the Board, and that John Heilman, another member of the Board, died, thus creating a vacancy of two members.

From the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education we learn that he received \$2470.78, and paid out \$2217.71, leaving a balance of \$253.07 in hand.

Your Committee would offer the following resolutions for adoption:
Resolved, That Synod recognizes the urgent need of a separate

building for the use of the Seminary, but in view of the fact that the endowment of said Institution is now before the Church, and because of the interests involved in the Centennial celebration of the College, this Synod does not see its way clear, at this time, to take any positive action in regard to the erection of a Seminary Building.

Resolved, That the Charter of the Theological Seminary be printed in the Minutes of this Synod.

Resolved, That in accordance with the action of this Synod a year ago, the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars be assumed for the purpose of repairing the Seminary property and meeting the annual deficit in the "relief fund," and that the same be apportioned among the several Classes.

Resolved, That the vacancies in the Board of Trustees be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Resolved, That the salary of Dr. F. A. Gast, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology, be increased five hundred dollars.

Resolved, That Synod apportion the sum of five hundred dollars for this purpose among the several Classes, and that this amount be made available during the present Seminary year, and that Prof. Gast's increase of salary shall begin with September 1, 1886.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. GROH, *Chairman*.

In connection with this report the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk communicate to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary a copy of the action of this Synod respecting the salary of Dr. F. A. Gast, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology.

2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary be requested to pay the increase of salary of the said Professorship from the proceeds of the special provision made by this Synod for its payment.

The following is the Report on the 3d Item in Report on Minutes of Synod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENDOWMENT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT LANCASTER, PA.

Your Committee on the Theological Endowment Scheme would respectfully beg leave to report:

In view of the action of the last Synod, convened at Mifflinburg, in appointing Bro. A. C. Whitmer Missionary Superintendent, his resignation as a member of the Committee, which he deemed advisable under the circumstances, left the Committee incomplete. The

vacancy thus created was filled by the appointment of Rev. J. F. De Long, of the same Classis. He accepted the trust. At a meeting held in the lecture-room of St. John's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., on Jan. 14, 1886, to which was referred the action of the late Synod, instructing the Committee to place an agent in the field for the accomplishment of the purpose for which the Committee was originally created, it was unanimously decided that we could not see our way clear to carry out the suggestion of Synod, and this for reasons sufficiently satisfactory to the Committee; not the least of which were the following: •

1. The insuperable objection to the diversion of trust or consecrated moneys which such an appointment would involve. It was felt and urged that individuals who might realize the importance of the work committed to us, and who, prompted by the laudable spirit of their religion which demands consecration, might be induced to lay an offering on the altar for the purpose contemplated, would not much appreciate the knowledge of the fact that their money, instead of constituting a part of the Endowment Fund, had found its way into the pocket of an agent, however worthy and deserving in himself. In fact, it was distinctly stipulated by a number of the supporters of the scheme, as originally inaugurated by the Synod, that the payment of their subscriptions would be refused, on the contingent that an agent be appointed.

2. The unfortunate experience of not only our own Church, but also of other churches, in connection with the appointment and work of agents in the past. An agent is never a welcome visitor. The thought of his pecuniary commission or percentage, vitiates in the mind of the average Church-member, the worthiness of the cause or the work which he represents.

3. Your Committee felt that the appointment of an agent would do violence to the principle which underlay the creation of the Committee itself. The design was to interest the Church at large—to secure the co-operation of pastors, who are presumed to understand best their own field, their own congregations and members, and thus not only secure the proposed Endowment at a minimum cost, but also leave behind an influence on the general spirit of benevolence, which should be felt in the years to come.

These were some of the most potent reasons which deterred the Committee from acting in compliance with Synod's instructions, and not by any means a disposition to act in defiance of Synod's judgment. The Committee had carefully canvassed the subject, had considered different measures and had laid their plans, which they had hoped and still hope would in due time bring in happy results.

We to-day report a small measure of progress in the work. At the meeting above alluded to, we divided ourselves into five sub-Committees, to each of which was assigned a certain territory, with

the determination that each such Committee, with the blessing and help of God, secure, if possible, and at an early day, the sum of \$10,000. Though somewhat disappointed in our expectations, we are still not without a sanguine hope that it can and will be realized. Your Committee, however, needs the willing and earnest co-operation of the different Classes and all the pastors. To expect one man alone, or even ten men, lacking the sympathy of the Church, to accomplish the work, which in our denomination is a somewhat herculean task, is expecting too much. Your Committee consists of hard-working pastors, whose time will not allow them to traverse large fields in the scope of their work, unless judiciously directed and aided by other pastors and friends of the movement. Quite a number of promises have been made by parties interested, but as they have not reached any definite form as yet, they cannot be reported. In cash, subscriptions and bonds, your Committee has thus far secured \$5350. The leaven in many hearts has been introduced and is slowly at work, and in quite a number of instances, by God's grace, we expect encouraging results. Your Committee asks counsel and guidance at the mouth of this Synod. Any directions and help in the adopted line of our work, if you approve of it, and see fit in the exercise of your wisdom to continue us, will be cheerfully and gratefully appreciated and followed. We would humbly pray your body to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Bro. John Heilman, of Lebanon Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

On motion, the statement of the Committee was accepted as a sufficient explanation for non-compliance with the instruction of Synod in regard to employing an agent. The report as a whole was adopted.

The President appointed Rev. Geo. B. Resser, of Lebanon Classis, to fill the vacancy on the Committee of Endowment of the Theological Seminary, occasioned by the death of Elder John Heilman.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Revs. Theodore Appel, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.; Daniel Wolff, Spring Mills, Pa.; Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; Charles F. McCauley, D.D., Reading, Pa.; Charles G. Fisher, Philadelphia, Pa.; Thomas C. Porter, D.D., Easton, Pa.; Albert E. Truxal, Irwin, Pa.; J. F. Snyder, Manor Dale, Pa.; W. R. H. Deatrich, Newport, Pa.; E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md.; J. O. Miller, D.D., York, Pa.; Amos H. Kremer, D.D., Carlisle, Pa.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Daniel W. Gross, Harrisburg, Pa.; John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.; George Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa.; Charles Santee, Phila-

delphia, Pa.; George Hill, Esq., Sunbury, Pa.; George W. Hensel, Quarryville, Pa.; Aaron G. Renninger, Allentown, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; George G. Heilman, Heilman's Dale, Pa.; Henry Wirt, Hanover, Pa.; Israel Laucks, York, Pa.; Henry W. Shriver, Union Mills, Md.; Edgar Slagle, Hanover, Pa.; Charles A. Schultz, York, Pa.; Isaac H. Keefer, Chambersburg, Pa.; W. J. Baer, Somerset, Pa.; W. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.; Thos. J. Craig, Pittsburgh, Pa.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Fathers and Brethren: We herewith transmit to your reverend body the annual report of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. We ask at your hands a careful consideration of these documents. The contributions to this cause have fallen short of last year nearly \$2000. This is much to be regretted, in view of the many promising fields opening up to our church in the West. It is the purpose of the Board to occupy the large cities, the centres of influence, as far as possible. In order to do this, we need first-class men and means to support them liberally. We trust, therefore, that you will take such action as will awaken a spirit of missions in all our churches and call forth increased contributions to this noble cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary.*

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1886.

To the Reverend Synods of Pittsburgh, of the Potomac, and of the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—I herewith present my First Annual Report, the thirteenth of the series under the tri-synodic plan of co-operation.

I feel free to say that the most valuable part of this Report (as also the most laborious) is the statistical table which, in alphabetical order and tabulated form, gives a vast amount of information in regard to our missions, and so is worthy of most careful study. In fact, apart from it, the remarks made in regard to each mission have but little meaning. Both must be studied together.

THE MISSIONS.

Abilene, Kan.—The town is growing rapidly, and the prospects of the mission are bright. The foundation of the new church was laid August 1st. The citizens have given much toward it, and the congregation is very active, hoping to dedicate free of debt. This is possible, however, only in case they receive proper help from the East. The pastor has worked hard and lived at great self-denial, spending his own last private funds to supplement his small salary. Besides two congregations, he preaches at various country points as time allows.

Bangor, Pa.—During the year the missionary organized at Pen Argyl, a town of 1500, three miles from Bangor, with 48 members, a very promising point. Prospects good.

Catasauqua, Pa.—Rev. J. J. Crist, owing to ill health resigned, and the Board extends its sympathy to a faithful sufferer. In June, Rev. W. F. More took charge of the mission, and is hopeful, looking toward the payment of their small debt.

Clearville, Pa. (formerly called Clear Ridge).—This charge became a mission by reconstruction; and though self-support is not near at hand, patient, self-denying labor will do much to develop an old field.

Concord, N. C.—A young mission and weak, but healthy and growing. Paying the debt and building a parsonage will claim their attention next year. Doing well.

Dubois, Pa.—Rev. W. M. Andrews resigned last winter, and the mission was without a pastor until June, when the present pastor took charge, with hard work before him. Hopeful.

Duncannon, Pa.—The hindrance here is loss by frequent removals, many of the members being railroad men. Its growth has been slow. Rev. J. R. Lewis left in June. In the absence of a pastor the statistics are defective.

Dushore, Pa. (formerly called Overton Mission).—The hard work of the missionary deserves notice. A church must be built at Dushore, another must be finished at Overton, and a small debt be paid at Elkland, toward all of which East Susquehanna Classis should give largely. After this is done the mission will soon be self-supporting.

Easton, Pa.—At the close of his tenth year, June 1st, Rev. D. Y. Heisler, D.D., resigned, and the mission has called Rev. C. W. Levan. Growth slow, but steady.

Emporia, Kan.—Rev. S. S. Meyer spent a few months here last winter, but discouraged with the mission, he resigned, and they have since been in part supplied by Rev. D. B. Shuey. Prospects very poor. The parsonage mentioned in the statistics belongs to the Board of Missions.

Glencoe, Pa. (formerly called Will's Creek Mission).—As it now

stands, the prospects for self-support are not good ; but the missionary hopes that by reconstruction next spring it will become self-supporting.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Second Reformed Church, English. Its growth has been slow, but the material is good.

Houtsdale, Pa.—The people, few and poor, have done their utmost to support their pastor, and he has borne almost unreasonable self-denial to labor among them ; but their prospects are very poor, with but little hope of betterment. A change is about to be made.

Imogene, Iowa (formerly called Pleasant Valley Mission).—Rev. D. P. Lefever left May 1, 1886, and no successor has yet been commissioned.

Iola, Kan.—Prospects are not bright, but the mission is yet young. Removals have weakened it. The great need is a church. Last winter a congregation was organized at Allen Centre, with a dozen members.

Johnstown, Pa.—People are all poor, but united and willing. This year, for the first, they paid a fixed salary. The ladies have organized, working toward a new church. A parsonage is greatly needed. An encouraging mission.

Kansas City, Mo.—A lot was bought last winter and ground has been broken for a church. Appeals for aid from the East have been answered in pledges and money to the amount of nearly \$1550. A Ladies' Aid Society was organized in May. The reports of the missionary are encouraging. He organized in February with 34, and now has 52 communicant members.

Lancaster, Pa.—The hope of this mission lies largely in the number of young people under its training. Its progress is seen in the growth of pastoral support, which from 1879 onward was \$27.00, \$31.00, \$45.00, \$52.00, \$73.00, \$90.00, and in 1885 \$145.00. In 1879 it had 8 communicants ; now it has 91.

Lansdale, Pa.—Sunday-school is large and prosperous. Church debt has been reduced. Prospects good.

Latrobe, Pa.—By united and most praiseworthy effort at Latrobe, a debt of \$648.00 has been paid, and now all feel encouraged. A new church now building in Ligonier Valley, will be much toward self-support.

Lincoln, Neb. (last year called Fairview).—The mission is not in the city, but four points, 8, 18, 20 and 25 miles away from it, served at great self-denial, especially during winter. Small growth. The mission cannot be called hopeful. To be discontinued after January 1, 1887.

Lincolnton, N. C.—Congregations are scattered and poor, but the work is going forward and deserves encouragement.

Liscomb, Iowa.—Owing to ill health the pastor may leave. The mission is weak, but the people are getting out of debt and will now do better.

Lock Haven, Pa.—The only discouragement is depression of business. Work is scarce. People have no money and many are leaving. The mission cannot thrive until the community thrives. But very encouraging is the payment of a debt on the church (by a hard struggle) and a spirited effort at self-help in the Sunday school.

Mann's Choice, Pa. (formerly called Sulphur Spring Mission).—The pastor is urging self-support.

Marietta, Pa.—No church, but for eight years past the exclusive use of one, greatly improved by the congregation last spring. The appropriation is gradually going down.

McConnellsburg, Pa.—An old field, and the things that remain are weak. Pastor reports the prospects not encouraging. Removals and deaths weaken the mission.

McKeesport, Pa.—Four years ago we had nothing, where now we have two congregations, two churches (with but a trifling debt), an active membership and a cheering future. Last winter fire almost ruined the church at McKeesport, but a wise insurance enabled the congregation to make it better than before. A debt of \$1884 was reduced to about \$500. McKeesport is a manufacturing town of 18,000, growing rapidly.

Mount Jackson, Va.—By good management they paid a debt on the church in the country, and \$250 on the parsonage in town. For the present the Methodist Church is used in town. Prospects good.

Napa, Cal.—Became vacant last January by the removal of the pastor to Stockton, but in August the Board sent Rev. T. G. De Lyre there from Portland, Oregon. The elders making out the Annual Report, say: "Very little prospect of self-support." The membership last year was reported as 64. Last winter the pastor reported 53. Now the elders report 14. Many families have withdrawn.

Newton N. C.—Of the large membership many are poor. The floods also have weakened their ability to give, but the appropriation asked is much less. Building two churches also is a drain upon them and yet a good sign.

New York, N. Y.—This Martha Memorial Mission (so called in honor of the sainted wife of Mr. John Ruch, who has pledged \$5000 and more to the building of the church, besides giving much free service in the work) needs and deserves far more aid than the church at large has as yet given it. What are the few hundred dollars thus far sent in toward a church costing \$15,000? The pastor is preparing the way for an English Mission in another part of the city. The mission receives \$250 from the German Board of Missions, in addition to our appropriation.

Orbisonia, Pa.—After a short pastorate, Rev. N. F. Peters left last spring. Though the appropriation has not been reduced for

several years, the mission has done much necessary buying, building and repairing. The Classis is hopeful of it.

Phoenixville, Pa.—Taking this mission was a wise step, as the future will prove. For one year now it has received the whole time of the pastor and promises well.

Reading, Pa.—As from the beginning, so it continues to be supported altogether by the churches of Reading. Even the amount last year reported as paid by the Board (\$250) was really paid by them through receipts sent our treasurer. Hence it is thought best to simplify the statement, and with this note of explanation give it as it stands in the statistical table—\$350 from the congregation, and \$550 from the Board. Only two and a half years old, it has made great progress. The Sunday-school has an average attendance of over 300.

Ridgely, Md.—Rev. C. W. Levan, who served this mission for three years, is about to take the mission in Easton. All our available material having been gathered in, immigration having almost ceased, and many of our families having returned to Pennsylvania, the mission seemed to have no hope of self-support, and the Board has thought best to have it served by the pastor of Wyoming, Del.

Salem, Oregon.—Weak and slow growth, with no bright prospects. The pastor supports himself in part by teaching.

San Francisco, Cal.—Rev. L. D. Leberman, owing to ill health, left May 1st. Rev. C. M. Schaaf began in June. The mission has had a painful history, and only time can restore it to strength. The work is difficult and the progress may be slow.

Scottdale, Pa.—The mission has been weakened by removals and self-support is far off; perhaps worse than all is a lack of working together on the part of the members. Future doubtful.

Seattle, Wash. Ter.—Not promising for its age, but even this little mission has its missionary society of a dozen adults and four children.

Sharon, Pa.—Slow progress and not very hopeful future. The pastor has really suffered for want of support.

Stafford, Oregon.—Hard work and great sacrifice on the part of the missionary (small salary, great distances, peculiar hindrances); slow progress in the mission.

Stockton, Cal.—Prospects not bright, to say the least. The court has now declared the parsonage ours, but the congregation has had great hurt in the struggle. The missionary, in addition to \$60 salary, receives also his boarding.

Stroudsburg, Pa.—This mission has asked a large reduction of appropriation. Hopeful future.

Timberville, Va.—The pastor took charge in December, 1885. Besides our appropriation he receives \$100 from Virginia Classis.

Tom's Brook, Va. (formerly called Harrisville Mission).—In ad-

dition to our appropriation it receives also \$25 from Virginia Classis.

Washington, D. C.—So much has been said of it in the church papers, that little need be said here. Its growth is encouraging.

West Philadelphia, Pa.—Doubling its membership this year, and reducing its appropriation \$100, in addition to heavy outlays in building, shows great progress and gives good hope. The congregation entered its new church in December last.

West Union, Oregon.—Rev. H. Stauss, after a pastorate of five years, withdrew in May last, owing to the illness of his wife. The Board is sorry to lose his faithful services.

Wichita, Kan.—During the year past the mission was regularly supplied by Rev. D. B. Shuey, and is in good condition. Rev. J. W. Love was commissioned June 1, 1886, but by authority of the Board has spent these several months in canvassing for funds for a church, and has received in money and pledges \$3000. He expects more from various sources.

Cheney, 25 miles from Wichita, is a part of the charge, but its statistics are not included in the table: communicants, 30; unconfirmed, 26; baptisms, 3; confirmed, 1; by certificate, 3; on profession, 5; deaths, 1; families, 14; Sunday-school scholars and teachers, 50; church worth, \$2000; debt, \$100; paid this year, \$300; insurance, \$1700. Rev. J. H. Lippard supplied the congregation part of the year, but painful troubles have arisen, and the congregation is in a critical condition.

Wilkesburg, Pa.—Rev. M. F. Frank, having been obliged by ill health to resign, Wilkesburg and East Liberty were last February separated, the latter becoming self-supporting. Wilkesburg is vacant.

Williamsport, Pa.—This mission has but little wealth of earth, and the reduction of its heavy debt will be a matter of patience. A large percentage of the members are minors, but just for this reason the hopeful element. The debt has not been increased during the year, as a comparison of the statistics might lead one to suppose. The statement of \$1800 debt in the last annual report was an error arising out of a misunderstanding of the figures given.

Willon, Iowa.—By the resignation of Rev. S. R. Runkel, the mission was vacant from April until July, but now is served by Rev. R. R. Lackey, with new hope.

Winchester, Va.—An old mission with a varied history, full of misfortunes and hindrances. The ruin of the church during the war, a poor rebuilding making a new church necessary now, a small membership, no wealth,—these things have been sorely against them.

Woodberry, Md.—A growing manufacturing town of 16,000, four miles from Baltimore (but each rapidly building toward the other).

Maryland Classis deserves great credit for this mission, sparing the church at large just so much outlay. The pastor has up to the present had charge also of the East Baltimore Mission Sunday-school. Preaching three times every Sunday, with eight miles' travel, is no light task. Both missions have greatly prospered.

Wyoming, Del.—A mission of long standing, and not as far on as one could wish, owing largely to a heavy debt on the parsonage.

REMARKS.

1. I have taken the liberty of changing the names of some of the missions, in order to give the address of the missionary without using a special column for that purpose. A note of the change is made in every case, under the head of each mission.

2. Those missions marked in the statistical table as taken by our Board in 1874, were received from the former Board and from some of the Classes, when this tri-synodical plan was begun.

3. A number of missions during the year have been dropped from the roll, as follows:

Blowing Rock, N. C.—It was on the Board for only a short time.

Valparaiso, Chili, S. A.—Was on the Board two years. No report was received from it for a long time, but last May the Board was surprised to hear that the missionary, Rev. A. Kreuter, had landed in New York. How many members he had or what was done we know not.

Wilmington, Del.—Organized in April, 1885, with fifteen members, it might have come to something if a pastor could have been sent there at once, but both attendance and membership decreased, so that at length the Board felt obliged to close it.

Somerset, Pa.—The Classis having added two congregations, the charge became self-supporting.

Middlebrook Mission and Mint Spring Mission having been united by Virginia Classis, became self-supporting. *Tionesta* has been abandoned.

New Castle, Pa.—This mission was organized in 1880. Early in its history already "difficulties" arose, which seriously affected its growth from year to year. Superintendent Appel in several reports refers to these things. In his last report he speaks of "some dissensions which unfortunately have not all been healed up." These troubles became so serious and destructive, that the mission could not possibly make progress. In such circumstances it seemed a duty to the Church at large to close the work.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Zwingli Mission, German, is about to be transferred to the German Board of the East.

Steeltown, Pa.—No pastor having been located there, our members became scattered, and the Board did not feel justified in continuing it as a mission.

4. The following missions have been enrolled during the year: Kansas City, Mo., McConnellsburg, Pa., York, Pa., Phoenixville, Pa., Hazelton, Kan., and at the late meeting of the Board the following also: Boulder, Ia., East Baltimore, Md.

5. Of the 98 congregations in our missions, about 80 are organized according to the form of constitution prescribed by the Synod; and about 40 are incorporated in law.

6. I regret that by a defective series of questions in the form for the yearly report, I cannot report the amount of money raised by the Sunday-schools and congregations for current expenses and for benevolence, not even for both together. In the column of Sunday-school alms, many reported only their alms proper, while others reported their whole giving, and some reported nothing. It is worthy of note that many of them raise large amounts, but the reports give evidence that perhaps too little is given abroad, and the mission is not trained in liberality and church work. The result is likely to be narrowness of view and selfishness of spirit.

7. In the column of missionary societies about 30 are reported; but some of these are really aid societies, i. e., working for the congregation only, and were so reported with the amounts they raised; but I put them into this column because in a general way they are missionary, and also because after a while they will probably become fully such.

8. In some cases the missions receive aid from two sources. For example, Tom's Brook, Va., receives \$25 from Virginia Classis; the German Church in Harrisburg, \$200 from Ursinus Union; Marietta, Pa., \$75 from Lancaster Classis; Timberville, Va., \$100 from Virginia Classis; Williamsport, Pa., \$150 from West Susquehanna Classis; Dushore, Pa., \$100 from East Susquehanna Classis; Lancaster, Pa., about \$75 from the Lancaster churches; Phoenixville, Pa., \$150 from Philadelphia Classis; and possibly others of which I know nothing. Not only is there no gain in this, but also the propriety of it may be questioned on various grounds. To say the least, the Church has not proper credit for missionary money.

I have now given the outer history of these missions for the year; but their deeper history of struggle, sacrifice, anxiety, disappointment, success and joy is known only to the great and loving God above us, who again and again says to His people: "I know thy works and thy labor and thy patience and tribulation and poverty."

KANSAS.

Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent of Missions in Kansas, gave half his time to Wichita, Kan.; gave attention to Kansas City, Mo., until a pastor came; organized the congregation at Hazelton, Kan.; transferred the mission at Baker, Kan., to the Ohio Synod's Board of Missions to be joined to the Wathena Mission; gave some time

to Emporia and Fort Scott, and lately to Topeka, where about twenty members have been found—besides other labors.

Early in June last, Rev. D. B. Shuey organized a congregation at Hazelton, Kan., with ten members. A few weeks later Rev. J. R. Lewis reached the mission, but thought its prospects did not warrant his remaining, and he, in July, accepted a call to Maquoketa, Iowa.

OREGON.

The Portland-Oregon Classis begs the Board to send them six missionaries for promising fields, but alas! where are the men? Rev. H. Stauss came eastward and Rev. T. G. De Lyre went to Napa, Cal., and so the missionary force is small. Rev. A. J. Olinger since May lives in Portland, but preaches in Stella, West Union, Oregon City, Damascus and other points.

EDITORIAL WORK.

Besides visiting about one-third of the missions, and as many as possible of the Classes, I have visited also many of the charges in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, to awaken a deeper interest in our work. Since July, also, I have regularly published missionary articles and items in the *Messenger*, at the request of the editor-in-chief.

The Reformed Missionary Herald has been published monthly and has been kindly received by the Church. The Board, at its meeting in December last, approved the suggestion that it should be a four-page instead of an eight-page paper. Since February it has, by authority of the Executive Council, been published by the Board of Publication, under the control and editorial direction of the Board of Missions. This change was made so that the Superintendent might more fully devote himself to visiting the churches.

OUR INCOME.

The Board, a year ago, asked for \$22,000 for the support of its missions. Of this amount we have received \$15,730.25, as follows:

From the Eastern Synod	\$8044 04
From the Pittsburgh Synod	2346 57
From the Potomac Synod	4659 62
From miscellaneous sources	680 02

Total \$15,730 25

This total is about \$2000 less than the total of last year, but the difference is more than made up by the amounts paid in answer to the appeals of Rev. J. W. Love, for Wichita, Kan., and Rev. R. L. Gerhart, for Kansas City, Mo.

The Board asked also for \$5000 for church-building purposes. Of

as amount we received but little. The Eastern Synod did not apportion this apart from the other; the Pittsburgh Synod did not accept its apportionment; and the Potomac Synod quite overlooked the matter, though some of the Classes kindly assumed their just proportion. Hence it is impossible to report how much was received from each Synod. Grateful mention must be made of \$403 received from the Virginia Classis for this purpose, a fund at first intended for their own use, but now passed over into our treasury.

URSINUS UNION.

Rev. F. W. Kremer, Treasurer of Ursinus Union, reports that for missions he has received during the year \$3519 51, which has been paid out as follows:

For St. Mark's Chapel in Lebanon, Pa. . . .	\$2922 51
Rev. L. K. Derr, Reading, Pa.	200 00
Rev. Dr. J. Kuelling, Harrisburg, Pa.	150 00
Rev. D. B. Shuey, for Kansas work	50 00
Mission Board of Ohio Synod	62 00
Rev. M. H. Mishler	25 00
Grace Mission, Philadelphia	100 00
South Philadelphia Mission	10 00
Total	\$3519 51

ENLARGING THE WORK.

In looking over our great mission field, nothing can be plainer than the duty of enlarging our work. Besides various points in Pennsylvania where missions have lately been organized, and others where they should soon be organized, we should not fail to send men to a dozen or more of the leading cities of the West. To this end will the members of the church double their giving? The challenge is not unreasonable, for the Lord's call to do this is plainly upon us.

MORE MINISTERS NEEDED.

But so soon as we speak of sending out more men to the West, we are met by the painful question, "Where are the men?" We cannot, in justice to the East, spare any more; yea, the East needs more than we have. This only shows the necessity of calling upon our boys and young men to dedicate themselves to the holy ministry, and to pray the Lord of the harvest so to move and call them.

A DAY OF PRAYER.

The Board of Missions hereby overtures the Synods to appoint the first Sunday in Epiphany next to be observed in all our churches as a day of special prayer for missions, when also special offerings for the work shall be received.

THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR THE COMING YEAR.

For the work of the coming year the Board respectfully asks the Synods to apportion \$22,000 for the support of the missionaries and \$5000 for church-building purposes, as follows: *For Missions*: Synod of the United States, \$12,000; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$4500; Synod of the Potomac, \$5500. *For Church-Building Purposes*: Synod of the United States, \$2500; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$1000; Synod of the Potomac, \$1500.

In this connection allow me respectfully to suggest that the apportionment upon the Classes for church building purposes should be separate from that for the support of missionaries, in order that each charge may know how much is needed for each interest, and also that the Board may know how much has been received for each interest.

A CHURCH-BUILDING FUND.

Nothing in our work gives the Board more trouble than the lack of funds for church-building purposes. When Kansas City, Mo., Wichita, Kan., and Abilene, Kan., needed money to buy their lots and build their churches the Board could not give them prompt and proper aid. The result was loss to the Church at large. The two first-named missions had to pay much more for their ground because they could not buy it at the right time, and of course the Church at large must pay this difference either directly or indirectly. We most earnestly beg, therefore, that in addition to the usual missionary alms, a large amount may this year be given for church-building purposes.

SPECIAL CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

In addition to a regular yearly income by apportionment for church-building purposes, the Board has under consideration also a plan for raising Special Church-Building Funds, not in the least interfering with the other, but rather supplementing it, namely:

1. Each fund shall not be less than \$500, paid by an individual, a family, a congregation or a Classis.
2. Each fund shall bear the name of the giver, or any other name he may choose, of the living or dead.
3. This money shall be under the care and control of the Board of Home Missions.
4. It shall be used only for the building of churches in missions under the Board.
5. No fund, and no part of any fund, shall be a gift to the mission, but shall be a loan, and always loaned on the following conditions: on first mortgage, payable within ten years, in not less than five

REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Parishes in the Mission.	Churches in the Mission.	Estimated Value.	Indebtedness.	Debt Paid this Year.	Insurance on the Church.	Have a Parsonage.	Value of the Parsonage.	Debt on the Parsonage.	Debt Paid this Year.	Insurance on the Parsonage.	Appropriation this Year.	Salary Paid by the Mission this Year.	Salary to be Paid by the Mission next Year.	Appropriation Asked for next Year.	Appropriation Voted by the Board for next Year.
47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$450	\$300	\$300	\$500	500
65	1	\$3,500	\$1800	\$300	\$3000	1	\$2000	\$1600	0	0	275	350	400	275	250
60	1	10,000	200	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	250	350	350	200	200
42	1	1,000	0	0	0	1	700	263	27	0	125	250	.....	150	150
13	1	2,000	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	143	150	250	250
25	2	5,000	700	0	2,000	1	800	0	0	0	300	250	250	350	350
60	3	6,000	.....	.....	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	150	350	400	150	.....
63	2	2,500	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	275	300	200	125
50	1	4,000	0	0	1,575	0	0	0	0	0	250	400	400	250	200
11	1	3,000	0	0	1,500	1	3,000	50	0	\$1650	300	85	?	.....	.....
66	3	4,000	315	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	380	380	120	120
65	1	8,000	0	0	4,000	1	4,000	800	100	0	200	350	350	.....	150
26	1	800	100	0	800	1	400	300	0	400	300	125	275	150	.....
15	1	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	200	200	125	.....
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	200	200	300	300
31	1	3,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350	325	350	325	300
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000	0	?	.....	1100
63	1	3,300	0	0	2,300	0	0	0	0	0	300	124	135	300	275
55	1	5,500	1,200	600	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	300	250	300	300	300
60	1	10,000	0	648	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	200	300	300	200	175
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	100	150	180	160
66	1	3,350	0	0	0	1	800	0	0	0	50	315	315	50	50
13	1	2,100	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	160	340	340	160	235
42	1	8,000	0	192	4,200	0	0	0	0	0	275	175	175	275	275
88	2	2,000	0	0	.....	1	1000	0	0	0	150	350	375	125	125
60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	300	350	75	75
37	2	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	360	350	75	75
52	1	5,000	522	984	2,700	0	0	0	0	0	400	225	250	400	400
90	2	4,000	0	100	0	1	2,500	52	250	1,000	150	300	300	150	150
12	1	1,500	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	125	300	.....	200	200
60	4	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	550	600	150	100
100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	300	?	200	150
45	3	5,000	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	300	310	140	.....
20	1	6,500	2,000	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	150	200	200	150	150
90	1	7,300	3,000	550	4,000	0	0	0	0	0	650	250	350	550	550
33	1	3,000	0	0	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	300	150	150	300	.....
23	1	3,500	700	0	1,500	1	800	0	0	500	175	200	200	175	150
16	1	7,000	2,500	650	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	500	300	300	500	500
50	1	4,500	0	0	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	160	440	440	160	150
14	1	2,500	300	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	150	150	300	300
42	1	4,000	500	350	3,500	1	1,200	0	0	1,000	50	300	325	100	50
28	2	2,000	0	0	0	1	300	0	0	0	200	120	120	200	200
20	1	4,000	0	0	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	200	60	60	200	200
110	3	12,000	1,700	100	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	275	575	600	100	100
40	2	3,000	0	0	0	1	650	0	106	0	100	300	300	100	200
50	1	1,500	70	0	?	0	0	0	0	0	25	300	300	25	.....
30	1	20,000	0	0	4,000	0	0	0	0	0	575	300	300	600	600
40	1	18,000	6,000	2,200	7,000	0	0	0	0	0	800	300	400	700	700
14	0	0	0	0	0	1	400	0	0	0	200	75	100	200	.....
20	1	3,000	500	0	1,800	0	0	0	0	0	350	400	400	.....	.....
60	1	10,500	3,400	600	4,000	0	0	0	0	0	200	480	480	200	200
20	1	3,000	0	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	280	300	150	150
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	150	800	800
61	2	5,000	0	0	0	1	1,500	0	0	0	275	375	400	250	250
23	1	3,150	0	0	2,800	0	0	0	0	0	300	0	50	300	600
50	1	2,000	0	0	2,000	1	3,000	1,996	390	2,500	200	425	425	200	.....

equal instalments; the instalments to be paid at such time as may be agreed upon by the mission and the Board, bearing interest as follows: the first two years without interest; two years at three per cent.; two years at four per cent.; two years at five per cent.; the last two years (if anything remains unpaid) at six per cent,—each instalment to bear interest from two years after date of mortgage; and with the further condition that if the mortgage at any time be foreclosed, the whole unpaid part shall bear six per cent. interest from the date of mortgage.

This plan the Board has instructed me to bring to the notice of the Synods for their consideration, that so the Church may become more familiar with it, and also that we may have the benefit of their suggestions, if not of their approval.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

One very encouraging fact in our work is the organization and activity of so many congregational missionary societies. In answer to over three hundred circulars of inquiry sent out to the pastors in our three Synods, it is seen that these societies abound and are very useful, not only in gathering alms, but also in training the young for usefulness in the Church.

With devout thankfulness to Almighty God for the mercies of the year, this report is respectfully submitted to the Church.

A. C. WHITMER, *Superintendent of Missions.*

Lancaster, Pa., September 15, 1886.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I beg leave to lay before you my annual report, exhibiting the financial condition of the Board for the year ending September 15, 1886.

The contributions received for Home Missions, Church Extension and Washington Mission during the year, and the disbursements made for these objects, were as follows, viz.:

Synod of the United States.

Received of the Classis of Philadelphia . . .	\$234 83
“ “ Tohickon	637 07
“ “ Goshenhoppen . . .	1163 11
“ “ East Pennsylvania . .	832 29
“ “ Lebanon	420 94
“ “ Schuylkill	1173 50
“ “ Lancaster	837 59
“ “ East Susquehanna . .	980 18
“ “ West Susquehanna . .	922 38
“ “ Lehigh	842 15
Total from the Synod of the United States	\$8044 04

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Received from the Treasurer of Synod	\$2341 57	
“ “ Mr David Oaks	5 00	
Total from Synod of Pittsburgh		\$2346 57

Synod of the Potomac.

Received of the Classis of Maryland	\$1138 65	
“ “ Mercersburg	597 49	
“ “ Juniata	1083 44	
“ “ Carlisle	356 30	
“ “ Zion	205 70	
“ “ Gettysburg	567 56	
“ “ Virginia	481 00	
“ “ North Carolina	154 21	
“ “ Iowa	5 00	
“ “ Oregon	70 27	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac		\$4659 62

Miscellaneous Sources.

Rec'd from Rev. E. Erb, Lincoln, Nebraska . .	\$10 00	
“ Ursinus Union	150 00	
“ Ladies' Missionary Society, Mul-		
berry Charge, Indiana	11 00	
“ Young Men's Christian Association		
of Franklin and Marshall Coll	2 60	
“ Brown Memorial Reformed Church		
of Wichita, Kansas	2 92	
“ The Society of Inquiry, Union Theo-		
logical Seminary of New York	1 50	
“ An Unknown Female Friend of Mis-		
sions	500 00	
“ Kate E	2 00	
Balance in the Treasury, October 12, 1885 . .	2186 48	
Total from Miscellaneous Sources		\$2866 50
Total from all Sources		\$17,916 73

Disbursements.

Orders of the Board paid during the year . .	\$14,523 08	
“ “ “ paid by the Treasurer of		
Pittsburgh Synod	2341 57	
Balance in the Treasury September 15, 1886 .	1052 08	
		\$17,916 73
To Balance in the Treasury September 15, 1886, \$1052.08.		

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States to audit the account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of said Board, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty enjoined upon us and find the Treasurer's account correct, with balances in the several funds as stated therein, viz :

In the "General Fund"	\$1052 08
In the "Church Extension Fund"	533 11
And in the "Washington Mission Fund"	33 00
Signed,	ISAAC K. LOOS, } T. J. BARKLEY, } <i>Auditors.</i> D. S. KELLER. }

Lebanon, Pa., September 22, 1886.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Dr.

To Balance in the Treasury October 10, 1885	\$387.07
To Amount Received on Gelbach Claim, viz :	
From West Susquehanna Classis	\$18 38
" East Susquehanna Classis	80 00
" East Pennsylvania Classis	30 00
" Goshenhoppen Classis	10 60
" Tohickon Classis	35 00
" East Pennsylvania Classis	50 00
" The Synod of the Northwest	166 43
	\$390 41

Iola (Kansas) Mission.

Received from Middletown, Maryland Charge	\$32 25
" " Jefferson, Maryland Charge	10 00
" " Middletown, Maryland Charge	6 00
	\$48 25

Kansas Missions.

Received from Ref. S. S., Woodstock, Va.	\$5 50
" " " " Easton, Pa.	30 00
" " Bethany Orphans' Home	10 00
" " Egypt Charge, Lehigh Classis	25 00
" " St. John's Ref. Church, Allentown	24 74
" " Danville Penna. Charge	3 00
" " Sulphur Springs Charge, Carlisle Classis	9 00
" " Newburg Charge, Carlisle Classis	6 00
	\$113 24

Kansas City Mission.

Received of Refd. S. S., Riegelsville, Pa	\$52 00	
“ “ Miss'y Society of Lincoln Ref. Ch . . .	5 00	
“ “ Bloomsburg, Pa., Ref. Church	26 00	
“ “ Emanuel Ref. Ch. S. S., Hanover, Pa. . .	12 00	
“ “ Women's Missionary Society, Centre Hall Charge, Pa	51 00	
“ “ Woodberry Mission, Md. Classis . . .	5 26	
“ “ Keedysville, Md., Ref. Sunday-schl . .	10 00	
“ “ Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D.D. . . .	5 00	
“ “ Bethany Orphans' Home	10 00	
“ “ Lischey's Ch'ge, Gettysburg Classis . .	10 00	
“ “ Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa	10 00	
		\$196 26

Abilene, Kansas, Mission.

Rec'd of Bloomsburg, Pa., Ref. Congregation	\$50 00	
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Church of the Strangers, Philadelphia, Pa.

Received of St. John's Ref. Church, of Riegels- ville, Pa	\$100 00	
“ “ St. John's Sunday school of Riegels- ville, Pa	4 52	
“ “ Nockamixon Charge	20 00	
“ “ Macungie “	40 00	
		\$164 52

Church Extension In General.

Received of Virginia Classis	\$403 87	
“ “ Emanuel's Ref. Ch., of Hanover, Pa . .	16 00	
“ “ First Ref. Church, of York, Pa . . .	15 00	
“ “ Shrewsbury Charge, Pa.	22 00	
		\$456 87

Roanoke, Va., Mission.

Rec'd from Mechanicsburg Charge, Carlisle Classis	\$11 19	
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Brown Memorial Church, Wichita, Kansas.

Rec'd of Emanuel Ref. Church, Hanover, Pa . .	\$50 00	
“ on account of Pledges of Synod of Cham- bersburg	226 29	
“ from Zwingle Missionary Society of Shep- herdstown, Va	5 00	
“ “ St. John's Ref. Ch., Allentown, Pa . .	15 00	
“ “ Boonsboro', Md., Miss'y Society . .	10 00	
“ “ Middletown, “ “ . . .	10 00	
“ “ Arendtsville Ref. “ “ . . .	20 00	

Rec'd from "Busy Workers" of Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa . . .	10 00	
" " Boehm's Ref. Church, Phila. Classis . . .	25 00	
" " Miss Barbara Hageman	10 00	
" " Mr. George W. Hoover	5 00	
" " Jones Detweiler	5 00	
" " Wm. Frantz	1 00	
" " Miss Cora Detweiler	1 00	
		\$393 29

Hazleton, Kansas, Mission.

Received from Limerick Ref. Mission, Phila. Cl.	\$5 07	
" " Mrs. M. Naomi Snyder loan at six months	700 00	
" " Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., loan at ninety days	1500 00	
Total from all sources	\$4414 17	

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By amount of loan to Washington Mission . .	\$300 00	
By amount of loan to St. Paul's Ref. Church, of Kansas City, Mo., secured by mortgage . .	2500 00	
By amount paid Rev. D. B. Shuey, Supt . . .	50 00	
By amount paid Rev. D. B. Shuey, Supt . . .	77 75	
By amount paid Rev. George H. Johnston . .	124 52	
By amount paid Rev. R. L. Gerhart	52 00	
By amount paid Rev. H. D. Darbaker	100 00	
By amount paid Rev. G. Graedel, Seattle, W. T.	100 00	
By amount paid Rev. D. B. Shuey, Supt., &c .	432 53	
By amount paid Rev. R. L. Gerhart	10 00	
By amount paid Rev. R. L. Gerhart	61 00	
By amount paid Rev. R. L. Gerhart	12 00	
By amount paid Rev. R. L. Gerhart	61 26	
		\$3881 06
By Balance in Treasury September 15, 1886 . .	533 11	

\$4414 17

To Balance in the Treasury September 15, 1886, \$533 11.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

WASHINGTON MISSION FUND.

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To Balance in the Treasury October 10, 1885 . .	\$66 81	
To amount received per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer of West Susquehanna Classis, from White Deer Charge	13 00	

Classical Contingent Fund	6 00	
To amount received per Daniel H. Heitshue, Treasurer of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa	35 00	
To amount received per Rev. George E. Addams, Treasurer of Carlisle Classis, from Carlisle Charge	21 00	
To amount received per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas- urer, &c., from Boalsburg Charge	12 00	
		\$153

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By amount paid Mrs. A. V. L. Miller, on ac- count of note held by her against the Board	\$66 81	
By amount paid to Mrs. A. V. L. Miller . . .	19 00	
By amount paid Rev. Charles F. Sontag, for use of Washington Mission	\$35 00	
By Balance in Treasury September 15, 1886 . .	33 00	
		\$153
To Balance in Treasury September 15, 1886, \$33.00.		
Respectfully submitted,		
WM. H. SEIBERT, Treasurer		

IV. TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

Lebanon, October 11, 1886

Dear Brethren:

In accordance with the direction of the General Synod, Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church would respectfully present to your reverend body the following report:

Since your last session the Mission under our care in Japan made considerable progress. Our missionary force has been augmented by the addition of one male and two female missionaries. Rev. W. E. Hoy, a member of your own body, was commissioned and entered upon his duties in December, 1885. Lizzie R. Peabach and Mary B. Ault arrived at their destination in July of present year. These acquisitions are of such sterling worth that they have received the commendation of the missionaries on the field and have the approval of the whole church.

Sendai, a city in Northern Japan, with a population of six thousands, situated in a Ken or Province with six millions of souls, has been ceded to us by the Federation, or union of churches of the Presbyterian order, as our field. In all that province there are two hundred and nineteen professing Christians. There are many missionaries of other churches, but what are these among many? This is the city in which Mr. Hoy and the ladies have

ed, and there we hope to establish our female seminary, and also a school for the training of young men for evangelistic work.

A self-supporting church, with nearly two hundred members, has been connected with the Reformed Mission at Sendai, and several missions in large towns are to be supplied by us with evangelists. Brother Hoy has opened his school with six pupils and teaches two hours daily. He is making commendable progress in the study of the language. The ladies have started their school and have much encouragement from the Government and the people.

Rev. A. D. Gring has under his care the church at Nihon Bashe, and six out-stations, with five evangelists, one day and two Sunday-schools. Rev. J. P. Moore resides in the city of Tokio and has a congregation and several out-stations under his care. He is engaged to teach a portion of each day, in order to live in the city. He is also making progress in the language. Our success in mission work during 1885 is seen by the published statistics, as furnished by the Evangelical Union of Japan. We are credited with one hundred and fifteen conversions, and our missionaries report that number as being baptized and confirmed.

This is a large increase for one year's labor, and shows clearly the hopefulness of the field and the manifest blessing of our divine aid. The mission is now regularly organized, and all our business with it is conducted in an economical and orderly manner. Our missionaries are in good health and are consecrated to their work. They have made a good record, and are recognized by all the missions as of more than ordinary ability and worth. The Board has great cause for thankfulness to the Master, and to be more earnest than ever in carrying forward this great work.

Dear Brethren, the cause is yours. The work, under the divine blessing, is to be accomplished by your co-operation. The means necessary are to be furnished by the church. The Board requires five thousand dollars to sustain this mission annually in its present form, but as it increases, the demand for more support will also increase. This sum, and double the amount, could easily be raised by the church. We trust, therefore, that you will take such action at your present session as will result in strengthening our cause, and in the honor of contributing to the conversion of Japan will be a heritage, and, by a reflex influence, clothe our church in this world with unfading beauty, even the beauty of the Lord. Rev.

Van Horne will be present at your sessions and has been requested by the Board to give such information in reference to the mission in Japan as the Synod may desire.

Yours in the Lord,

THOMAS JOHNSTON, *Secretary.*

V. REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions reported during the session

on Monday evening. The report was considered, item by item, then adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report:

The documents referred to your committee are,

1. The letter of the President of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, transmitting therewith,
 - a. The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions.
 - b. The Report of the Treasurer of the said Board of Missions.
2. The Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.
3. The Overture of the Consistory of the Church of the Stagers, West Philadelphia, to the Synod, to make provision in such way as it may determine, for two thousand dollars of the indebtedness on its church property.

Home Missions.

The letter of the President of the Board of Home Missions calls the attention of the Synod to the fact that the contributions to the cause of Home Missions, have fallen short of those of last year nearly two thousand dollars, and that this is much to be regretted in view of the many promising fields opening up to our church in the western section of our country. It is the purpose of the Board, as far as possible, to occupy the large cities, the centres of influence; and to this end they need first-class missionaries and means to support them liberally. The Board trusts that the Synod will take such action as will awaken a spirit of missions in all our churches, and secure increased contributions to this noble cause.

From the report of the Superintendent of Missions and the very interesting and instructive statistical table accompanying said report, we glean the following facts: 56 missions are now under the care of the Board, located as follows: in Pennsylvania, 28; in Virginia, 1; in Kansas, 4; in Iowa, 3; in California, 3; in Oregon, 3; in North Carolina, 3; in Maryland, 2; in New York, 1; in Missouri, 1; in Delaware, 1; in Nebraska, 1; in District of Columbia, 1; in Washington Territory, 1. These 56 missions include 98 churches of which 80 are organized according to the form of constitution prescribed by Synod; 40 are incorporated in law; 16 own parsonages; 21 have some indebtedness resting on their property; and 7 have their property insured; 7 new missions were received under the care of the Board during the past year.

The Board, through the Superintendent, requests that the first Sunday after Epiphany next be appointed to be observed in all our Churches as a day of special prayer for missions, when also special offerings for the work shall be received. The Board in the same way asks the three Synods to apportion \$22,000 for the support

its Missionaries and \$5000 for Church building purposes, and apportions the same as follows: *For Missions*: Synod of the United States, \$12,000; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$4500; Synod of the Potomac, \$5500. *For Church-Building purposes*: Synod of the United States, \$2500; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$1000; Synod of the Potomac, \$1500.

From the Report of the Treasurer of the Board we learn that contributions were received for the cause of Home Missions as follows:

From the Synod of the United States . .	\$8044 04
“ “ Pittsburgh	2346 57
“ “ the Potomac	4659 62
From miscellaneous sources, including the balance in hand	2866 50

\$17,916 73

Of this amount, the Treasurer disbursed on orders of the Board \$14,523.08; and on orders of the Board, through the Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod, \$2341.57; leaving a balance in his hands of \$1052.08.

The Treasurer received for Church Extension purposes, from all sources, including the balance in hand, \$4414.17; and disbursed \$3881.06; leaving in his hands \$533.11.

Of the Washington Mission Fund there was a balance in hand of \$66.81; and for this Fund the Treasurer received:

From the Classis of West Susquehanna . .	\$31 00
From the Classis of Lancaster	35 00
From the Classis of Carlisle	21 00

The Treasurer expended \$120.81, leaving in his hands \$33 00.

The Classis of East Susquehanna having been exonerated at this meeting of Synod from the payment of the balance due by said Classis, the balance due the Washington Mission Fund from the Classes of the Synod is as follows:

From the Classis of East Pennsylvania . .	\$172 68
“ “ Philadelphia	235 00
“ “ Goshenhoppen	33 40
“ “ West Susquehanna	5 50

In relation to the request of the Board of Missions, that this Synod apportion \$12,000 for the support of the Missionaries of the Board, and \$2500 for Church Building purposes, your Committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the amount asked from this Synod for these objects be assumed by the Synod and apportioned as follows:

		For Missions.	For Church Building Purp.
Classis of	East Pennsylvania	\$1,415	\$295
"	Philadelphia	716	149
"	Lebanon	1,423	297
"	Lancaster	763	158
"	East Susquehanna	1,482	308
"	West Susquehanna	786	164
"	Goshenhoppen	1,150	240
"	Tohickon	1,075	225
"	Lehigh	1,730	360
"	Schuylkill	1,460	304
		\$12,000	\$2,500

In view of the success of the work of the Board, its purposes needs, your Committee recommend that the following action be taken :

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod returns devout thanks to the God Head of the Church for the prosperity He has vouchsafed His Missionary work of the Church during the past year ; and invokes His blessing on her Board, her Missionaries, her Pastors and people, that with true devotion they may labor for the spread of His Kingdom.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod earnestly recommends to her ministers and people the reading and study of the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions, and of all books and periodicals they obtain on the work and progress of Missions, both in the Reformed and other Churches, that they may be intelligently informed as to this cause and its claims, and inspired to labor and to give for the spread of the Redeemer's Kingdom and the salvation of men.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod approves the purpose of the Board to occupy, as far as practicable, the large cities of the western section of our country, and to give the Missionaries a liberal support ; and while the Synod would have the work and progress of the Church in the East carefully and fully provided for, it trusts that the openings of the Church may be so increased as to allow the Board speedily to carry this purpose into effect by occupying the promising points opening to the Church.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board are requested to keep the Church fully informed upon the claims of all points for the establishment of Mission stations, to the end that the Church, being so informed, may be moved to furnish liberally the funds needed for this purpose.

5. *Resolved*, That in view of the urgent need of missionaries as well as means, in order that the Board may occupy the many promising fields open to it, the Synod earnestly calls the attention of its Classes, pastors and people to this need, that young men of

Church may be influenced to enter the ministry and dedicate themselves to the work of missions in the home or foreign field.

6. *Resolved*, That in accordance with the request of the Board, the first Sunday after Epiphany, 1887, be and is hereby appointed to be observed by our churches as a day for special prayer and the receiving of special offerings for Home Missions; *provided*, that when there is more than one church in a charge, one of the other Sundays of the Epiphany session shall be appointed by the pastor for this purpose, in order that each church may have the opportunity of complying with this action.

7. *Resolved*, That Synod approves of the creation of Special Church Building Funds, on the general plan the Board has under consideration.

8. *Resolved*, That Saturday and Sunday evenings of the next annual meeting be devoted to missionary services—Saturday evening to Foreign Missions, and Sunday evening to Home Missions—and that two persons be appointed by the Synod at this meeting to deliver addresses, one for each meeting, who shall be followed by others in short voluntary addresses.

OVERTURE OF THE CHURCH OF THE STRANGERS.

The Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia, overtures the Synod to provide for two thousand dollars of the debt on its property, and your committee recommend that the following action be taken:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod assume, from February 1, 1887, two thousand dollars of the debt of the Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod pay annually one-fourth of the two thousand dollars assumed, including the interest and tax on the said two thousand dollars, or on the amount remaining unpaid from year to year.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board of Missions be and is hereby authorized to pay, through its treasurer, out of the Fund for Church-Building Purposes, by February 1, 1888, six hundred and six dollars to the Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia, the same to be applied to the payment of the debt resting on said church, the Treasurer taking care to see that the money is applied strictly to the purpose for which it is given.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions states that considerable progress has been made by our Mission in Japan. The number of missionaries has been increased, Rev. W. H. Hoy, Lizzie R. Poorbaugh and Mary B. Ault having arrived and entered on their work within the year. Sendai, a city in Northern Japan, with a population of sixty thousand, situated in a Ken

containing six million inhabitants, has been ceded by the Federal Convention of Churches of the Presbyterian Order as our field. In this city three new missionaries have begun their work with much encouragement; and here a self-supporting church with nearly two hundred members has been connected with our Mission, and several points in large towns are to be supplied by us with evangelists.

Rev. A. D. Gring has under his care the church at Ni Bashe, with six out-stations and five evangelists, one day-school and two Sunday-schools. Rev. J. P. Moore resides at Tokio and has a church in that city and several out-stations under his care. As the immediate fruit of the work of our missionaries within the year, one hundred and fifteen persons were baptized and confirmed. This is a very encouraging addition. The health of our missionaries is good; they are devoted to their work, and are recognized as of more than ordinary ability and worth. The Mission is now regularly organized, and is conducted in an economical and orderly manner.

Your Committee recommend for your adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod, with thankfulness to God, rejoice in the encouraging prosperity of our Foreign Mission, and commend our missionaries and their work to the care and blessing of the God and Head of the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod renewedly commends our Foreign Mission to the cordial sympathy and prayers of our churches, and to their liberal offerings for its support.

3. *Resolved*, That the success and progress of our Foreign Mission and the extent and hopefulness of the field, lays upon the Church the obligation to provide, as rapidly as it can, both the missionaries and the means needed to enlarge its work; and that, therefore, Synod earnestly asks the earnest consideration of this fact by our churches, to the end that, when the call is upon us, the funds may be provided to send them, and devoted men and women may be ready to dedicate themselves to the work of carrying the light of the Gospel to those now living in the darkness of paganism.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. LICHLITER, *Chairman*

VI.

The following preamble and resolutions were read on Saturday during the afternoon session, and adopted:

Whereas, This Synod has had its attention called to the fact that a Mission has been recently established at Twenty-first and Tas Streets, Philadelphia, under the name of Bethel Reformed Church, and

Whereas, There is no Reformed Church south of Market St.

using the English language in its services, and this Mission promises to grow into a self-supporting congregation at no distant date, thus extending the work of the Reformed Church into a district of this great city where, hitherto, it had had no place, and

Whereas, The Synod has been assured that an interesting and promising work has already been performed by the Mission and a suitable mission-building erected; therefore,

Resolved, That, as a Synod, we express our hearty interest in the founding of Bethel Reformed Church, at Twenty-first and Tasker Streets.

Resolved, That we accept the invitation extended to the members of this body, to attend the dedicatory services, appointed for Sunday, October 17th, at 3 P.M., as far as may be practicable for the individual members of Synod, and

Resolved, That we commend the enterprise to the liberality of the classes represented in this body, and to the various congregations and charitably-disposed persons throughout our bounds.

On Monday, at the evening session, resolutions were read by Rev. Henry T. Spangler, with reference to assuming a part of the indebtedness of Bethel Reformed Mission. These resolutions were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Missions, to whom were referred the resolutions offered by Rev. H. T. Spangler, providing that Synod assume one thousand dollars of the debt resting on the Chapel of Bethel Reformed Mission, Phila., beg leave to Report:

These resolutions are based mainly on the observation of the hopeful and encouraging character of the field of the Bethel Reformed Mission, made on Sunday last at the service of consecration of the Chapel of the said Mission, by Rev. H. T. Spangler and some other members of Synod. There is no request made by the authorities managing the affairs of Bethel Reformed Mission, that the proposed action be taken by this Synod, nor any communication whatever from them in relation to the financial condition or needs of Bethel Mission.

Your Committee, in view of these facts, recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That Synod has learned with pleasure of the hopeful character of the field of Bethel Reformed Mission, Phila., and the encouraging prospects of the Mission, and that the said Mission be favorably recommended to the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, whenever the proper authorities may request aid for their building-fund.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. LICHLITER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, and also the Report of the Treasurer of Synod, were received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance.

The following is the report of the Board of Trustees:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convene at West Philadelphia, Pa., in the Church of the Strangers on the second Wednesday of October, 1886.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Trustees beg leave to present the following report. The Board is composed of the following members:

Elder John F. Orth, whose term expires January 1, 1887.	
Rev. J. E. Heister, D.D., " " " " " 1888.	
Elder John Meily, " " " " " 1889.	
Rev. John W. Steinmetz, " " " " " 1890.	
Elder John J. Nissley, " " " " " 1891.	

As Elder John F. Orth's term expires on the 1st of January, 1887, we propose, in obedience to requirement of the charter, to name of Elders D. B. Mauger and Horatio Jones as suitable candidates to fill said vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. ORTH, *President.*

JOHN MEILY, *Treasurer, in Account with the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

	DR.	
1885.		
Oct. 6. To Balance in hand		\$92 43
" 10. " Cash from Thomas S. Johnston, Treas. Lebanon Classis		32 00
" 14. " Cash from James T. Reber, Treas. Schuylkill Classis		32 00
1886.		
June 18. " Cash from Thomas S. Johnston, Treas. Lebanon Classis		31 44
" 3. " Cash from Thomas S. Johnston, Treas. Lebanon Classis		2 06
" 4. " Cash from W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susquehanna Classis		33 00
" 7. " Cash from H. C. Hoover, Treas. Philadelphia Classis		30 00

June 10.	To	Cash from Rev. N. S. Strassburger, D.D., Treas. Lehigh Classis	72 00
" 13.	"	Cash from I. G. Gerhart, Treas. To- hickon Classis	47 00
" 17.	"	Cash from D. B. Mauger, Treas. Go- shenhoppen Classis	47 00
" 30.	"	Cash from Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis	59 00
Sept. 6.	"	Cash from Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D., Treas. Lebanon Classis	59 00
" 13.	"	Cash from James T. Reber, Treas. Schuylkill Classis	33 50
" 13.	"	Cash from James T. Reber, Treas. Schuylkill Classis, 1885	61 00
" 16.	"	Cash from Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis	32 00
Oct. 1.	"	Cash from George Hill, Treas. East Susquehanna Classis, 1882, 1884, ...	54 00
			\$717 43
1886.			
Oct. 11.	By	Cash to John F. Orth, traveling exp.,	\$1 10
1885.			
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Oct. 8.	By	Cash paid Reformed Publication Board Ac- count.	\$ 92 00
1886.			
Jany. 2.	"	Cash paid Rev. J. E. Heister, D.D., traveling expenses	95
" 2.	"	Cash paid Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, traveling expenses	2 15
" 2.	"	Cash paid John F. Orth, traveling expenses,	2 15
" 2.	"	" " John Meily, traveling expenses,	1 11
" 2.	"	" " John J. Nissley, traveling exp.,	1 78
" 2.	"	Cash paid Rev. A. C. Whitmer, expenses Seminary Endowment Committee	11 50
June 29.	"	Cash paid Reformed Publication Board acct.,	31 00
Feb. 12.	"	Cash paid Rev. J. P. Stein, salary as Clerk, on account	44 00
Aug. 7.	"	Cash paid Reformed Publication Board acct.,	65 00
" 10.	"	" " Rev. J. P. Stein on account	60 00
" 10.	"	" " Reformed Publication Board acct.,	50 00
" 30.	"	" " J. P. Stein, balance	86 32
" 30.	"	" " Reformed Publication Board acct.,	30 00
Sept. 6.	"	" " " " " " " "	55 00
" 13.	"	" " " " " " " "	100 00
" 16.	"	" " " " " " " "	30 00

Oct. 7.	By	Cash paid Reformed Publication Board acc't.,	45
" 11.	"	" " J. F. Orth, traveling expenses . .	1
" 11.	"	" " J. J. Nissley, traveling expenses,	
" 11.	"	Cash paid Rev. J. H. Steinmetz, traveling expenses	1
	By	balance in hand	6

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SEMINARY AND GERHART FUND.

1885.		Dr.	
Oct. 6.	To	balance in hand	\$267 50
1886.			
Jan. 27.	"	Cash six mos. int Gerhart Legacy, \$300, Harrisburg city bonds . . .	9 00
Feb. 3.	"	Cash Isaac Mumma, six mos. int. part Kieffer Legacy	125 00
April 7.	"	Cash Leonard Mountz, six mos int part Kieffer Legacy	112 50
July 9.	"	Cash six mos int. Gerhart Legacy, \$300, Harrisburg city bonds . . .	9 00
Aug. 5.	"	Cash Isaac Mumma, six mos. int. part Kieffer Legacy	125 00
Oct. 6.	"	Cash C. P. Sheck, one year's int Cook Legacy	60 00
" 1.	"	Cash Leonard Mountz, six mos int. part Kieffer Legacy	112 50
1885.		Cr.	
Oct. 8.	By	Cash to John B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, Lancaster, six mos. int. part Kieffer Legacy . .	\$125
" 8.	"	Cash to same, six mos. int Kieffer Legacy	112
" 8.	"	Cash to same, six mos. int. Cook Legacy	30
1886.			
April 17.	"	Cash to same, six mos. int. Kieffer Legacy	125
" 17.	"	Cash to same, six mos. int. Kieffer Legacy	112
Aug. 27.	"	Cash to Charles G. Fisher, Treas., twelve mos. int. Gerhart Legacy,	6
" 27.	"	Cash to John B. Roth, Treas., six mos. int. Kieffer Legacy	125
" 27.	"	Cash Wm. H. Seibert, Treas. Board	

	of Home Missions, twelve mos. int.		
	Gerhart Legacy	6 00	
Aug. 27.	By Cash Rudolph Kelker, Treas. Foreign Missions, twelve mos int.		
	Gerhart Legacy	6 00	
Oct. 7.	" Cash John B. Roth, Treas., six mos. int. Kieffer Legacy	112 50	
" " "	Cash J. B. Roth, Treas., twelve mos. int. Cook Legacy	60 00	
		<u>\$820 50</u>	<u>\$820 50</u>

CONTINGENT FUND GENERAL SYNOD.

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DR.

Oct. 6.	To balance in hand	\$840 00	
" 10.	" Cash from Rev. T. S. Johnston, Treas Lebanon Classis	90 00	
" 14.	" Cash from James T. Reber, Treas. Schuylkill Classis	90 00	
" 31.	" Cash from Rev. N. S. Strassburger, D.D., Treas. Lehigh Classis	110 00	
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May 14.	" Cash from Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susquehanna Classis	80 00	
" 31.	" Cash from H. C. Hoover, Treas Philadelphia Classis	60 00	

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July 26.	By cash to Christian G. Gross, Treas. General Synod	720 00	
		<u>\$720 00</u>	<u>\$720 00</u>

GELBACH CLAIM.

885.

DR.

Oct. 6.	To balance in hand	\$128 38	
886.			
July 15.	To cash from Geo. Hill, Treas. East Susquehanna Classis	48 00	
Oct. 6.	To cash from H. C. Hoover, Treas. Phila. Classis	96 00	

885.

CR.

Dec. 12.	By cash to W. H. Seibert, Treas. Board of Home Missions	\$128 38	
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1886.

Aug. 27. By cash to same	48 00
Oct. 7. By cash to same	96 00

<u>\$272 38</u>	<u>\$272 38</u>
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MEILY, *Treasurer.*

Lebanon, Oct. 11, 1886.

Report of Auditors appointed by the Board of Trustees of Synod.

The undersigned Committee have examined the account of John Meily, Treasurer, compared the vouchers, and find it correct as stated.

JOHN W. STEINMETZ,	} <i>Committee.</i>
JOHN J. NISSLEY,	

Lebanon, Pa., Oct. 11, 1886.

UNPAID APPORTIONMENTS.

Gelbach Claim.

Minutes of Synod, page 63, 1885.

East Penna Classis	\$ 50 00
Goshenhoppen Classis	11 20

Contingent Fund, District Synod.

Minutes of Synod, 1885, page 64.

East Susquehanna Classis	63 00
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Sinking Fund.

Minutes of Synod 1885, page 64.

Lebanon Classis	348 00
East Penna. Classis	172 25
Balance due Publication Board	165 63

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance submitted its report, which was considered item by item and adopted.

The report reads as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to present the following report:

The items referred to us are,—

I. The Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

II. The \$550 assumed by Synod to repair the Seminary property at Lancaster, Pa.

III. The \$500 assumed by Synod to increase the salary of Rev. F. A. Gast, D.D., Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

From the report of the Treasurer of Synod we learn,—

1. That it was audited by a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of Synod.

2. That there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod of the Contingent Fund of Synod amounting to \$6.65.

3. That the arrearages of East Susquehanna Classis for 1885, on Contingent fund of District Synod, are \$63.00.

4. That no money having been received by the Treasurer for the Sinking Fund, the arrearages on this fund are the same as last year, viz.:

Lebanon Classis	\$348 00
East Penna. Classis	172 25

5. That there is a balance from the Synod due the Publication Board of \$165 63.

Your Committee estimated the contingent expenses of Synod for the year to be \$754.00. This, together with \$550 assumed by Synod to repair the Seminary property at Lancaster, Pa., and the \$500 assumed by Synod to increase the salary of Dr. Gast, are apportioned among the Classes on the basis of communicant membership as follows:

6. Contingent Fund of Synod :

East Penna. Classis	\$84 00
Lebanon "	99 00
Philadelphia "	44 00
Lancaster "	45 00
East Susque. "	99 00
West " "	49 00
Goshenhoppen "	72 00
Tohickon "	64 00
Lehigh "	106 00
Schuylkill "	92 00

Total \$754 00

7. Fund for repairing Seminary property :

East Penna. Classis	\$65 00
Lebanon "	65 00
Philadelphia "	33 00
Lancaster "	35 00
East Susque. "	69 00
West " "	36 00
Goshenhoppen "	51 00

Tohickon Classis	51 00
Lehigh "	79 00
Schuylkill "	67 00

Total \$551 00

8. Fund to increase Dr. Gast's salary :

East Penna. Classis	\$56 00
Lebanon "	66 00
Philadelphia "	29 00
Lancaster "	31 00
East Susqueh'na "	65 00
West "	32 00
Goshenhoppen "	47 00
Tohickon "	42 00
Lehigh "	70 00
Schuylkill "	62 00

Total \$500 00

Your Committee recommends the following resolution for action :

Resolved, That Synod request delinquent Classes to make speedy payment of their respective arrearages on their apportionments and Contingent Expenses of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. STAHR, *Chairman*

In the Report on Minutes of Synod, item 5 calls for a report from a special committee appointed one year ago. The following is the report, which was adopted :

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

BRETHREN :—The committee appointed by the Synod at Mifflinburg, Pa., October, 1885, to inquire into the discrepancy between the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and that of the Treasurer of East Penna. Classis relative to the Gelb claim, respectfully submit the following :

We find that the original apportionment for East Penna. Classis for this purpose was one hundred dollars. When the division of the Classis took place, Lehigh Classis assumed and subsequently paid one-half of this amount, fifty dollars, thus leaving a balance of fifty dollars as still owing by East Penna. Classis. (See Minutes of General Synod 1884, pages 67 and 68.) This amount was paid by the Treasurer of East Penna. Classis to the Treasurer of Synod, as appears from the latter's report for the year 1884. (See minutes of Synod for 1884, page 54.)

By direction of General Synod, interest was added to the unpaid apportionments from October 1, 1875, a period of ten years. On the above-named principal, fifty dollars, this amounts to thirty dollars. This sum was paid by the Treasurer of East Penna. Classis on September 22, 1885. (See Treasurer of Synod's report, Minutes of Synod 1885, page 60.)

We therefore report that the Classis of East Penna. has paid in full its apportionment for the Gelbach claim.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MEILY,

Treasurer of the Synod in the United States.

WM. H. SEIBERT,

T. O. STEM,

Treasurer East Pa. Classis.

On 2d item in Report on Minutes of Classes, under the general head of subjects referred, the following action was adopted:

Whereas, East Susquehanna Classis was exonerated by Synod in 1880 from payment of assessment for Washington Mission Chapel Fund, and

Whereas, Collections have been held since 1880 for this object, therefore,

Resolved, That East Susquehanna Classis be exonerated from arrears on Washington Mission Chapel Fund

On the 3d item, under the general head of Subjects Referred, in the same report, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That Synod recognizes the Gelbach Claim on the Classis Goshenhoppen as being paid.

On the 4th item in Report on Minutes of Synod, under the head Subjects Referred, the following action was adopted:

Whereas, The Minutes of Goshenhoppen Classis for 1885 acknowledge an arrearage of \$91.50 on the Washington Mission Chapel Fund, and

Whereas, From the report of the Treasurer of Board of Home Missions, as found in Minutes of Synod for 1885, it appears that Goshenhoppen Classis contributed ninety-eight dollars to said fund, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod declares Goshenhoppen Classis not in arrears on the Washington Mission Fund, and that this action is intended to mean that said Classis has made payment in full of its apportionment for said Fund.

The President of Synod appointed Rev. L. J. Mayer and Rev. O. Stem a committee to examine the charter, to ascertain whether Synod can authorize the Treasurer or the Board of Trustees to borrow money. After examining the charter the committee reported that there was nothing in the charter to prevent the Trustees from ordering the Treasurer to do so.

The committee appointed by the President, consisting of Elders Joseph Proctor and F. C. Crouse, to collect fifty cents from each delegate, submitted its report, which was adopted. The committee reports that \$34.75 were collected and paid into the hands of the pastor *loci*.

Elder D. B. Mauger, of Douglassville, Pa., was elected to fill a vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

In the consideration of the Report on the Minutes of Classes, under the head of Appeals, three items—namely, the appeal of Rev. H. F. Seiple, of Rev. J. M. Hartzell and of Rev. John Kretzing were referred to the Special Committee, consisting of Revs. A. Bartholomew, H. T. Spangler and Elder Joel Dreisbach, who subsequently reported the following action, which was adopted:

REV. H. F. SEIPLE'S APPEAL.

Your committee on the appeal of Rev. H. F. Seiple from the action of Tohickon Classis, would respectfully report, that there is no evidence at hand, that the brother has taken all the constitutional steps, necessary to prosecute his case before the Synod. Hence his appeal is not in order.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Chairman*.

REV. J. M. HARTZELL'S APPEAL.

Your committee on the appeal of Rev. J. M. Hartzell from the action of Tohickon Classis in regard to his deposition, beg leave to report, that we find the appeal taken in regular form, according to the requirements of the constitution.

The committee recommend that the case be made the order of the day immediately,—

1. The papers proper to the case to be read.
2. The appellant have thirty minutes in vindication of his appeal.
3. The respondent or Classis have forty-five minutes in its defense.
4. The appellant have fifteen minutes to respond.

5. The case then to be submitted to Synod and the vote to be taken in the usual form.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Chairman.*

As Rev. J. M. Hartzell was not present, and no one solicited to act as counsellor in his appeal, the subject was, therefore, dismissed.

REV. JOHN KRETZING'S APPEAL.

Your committee on the appeal of Rev. John Kretzing from the action of the Classis of East Pennsylvania beg leave to report, that they find the appeal in order. We therefore recommend that the case be made the order immediately, —

1. The papers proper to the case to be read.
2. The appellant be allowed fifteen minutes to open and close his appeal.
3. The respondent or Classis to follow the opening speech and be allowed fifteen minutes in its defense.
4. The matter then to be submitted to Synod, without debate, after which the vote is to be taken in the usual form.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Chairman.*

The papers proper to the case were read. Rev. John M. Titzel acted as counsel for the appellant; Rev. T. O. Stem defended the action of Classis. The yeas and nays were called, and the vote resulted in sustaining the appeal.

Rev. D. E. Klopp gave notice of complaint against the action of Synod in this appeal case.

A special committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Wm H. Groh, J. H. Dubbs and Elder P. B. Edris, to draft a minute to express the judgment of the Synod in the premises. The committee reported on Tuesday forenoon the following action, which was adopted :

Your committee appointed to formulate a minute, expressive of the force of sustaining the appeal of Rev. J. Kretzing from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis, would respectfully report :

The force of the decision of the Synod is, that the instruction given by Classis to Rev. J. Kretzing, and from which he appealed, is not binding, because the election was not regularly held. Moreover, Synod would advise Classis, to request the congregation at Effort, in Monroe County, Pa., to hold a new election in accordance with the requirements of their own constitution, and the constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to see to it, that the officers so elected, if worthy, be promptly installed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. GROH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the action of Synod.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The committee, appointed by the President of the Synod, on Religious Services, made provision for several addresses to the Sunday school of the Church of the Strangers, which were observed Sunday at its afternoon session.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

To the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh and Potomac :

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States would respectfully submit to the Synods named, this, its Annual Report :

The Board as usual held three regular meetings during the year just closed. The officers of the preceding year were continued, viz. George Gelbach, *President* ; Rev. Charles G. Fisher, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

From the annual statement submitted by the Superintendent, I. Chas. G. Fisher, at the last meeting held September 9th, is taken the following :

AMOUNT OF BUSINESS FOR 1885-86.

Subscriptions in Periodical Department . \$26,300.00
Sales in Book Department 14,651.23

Total \$40,951.23

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31st, 1886.

From Periodicals \$23,536.46
" Book Store 13,216.06
" Rents 544.00
" Collections 270.27
" Miscellaneous Sources 1,329.93

Total Receipts \$38,896.72

DISBURSEMENTS :

Loans, etc., paid \$350.00
Printing, Paper and Binding 21,200.52
Interest 2,366.25
Commissions 1,229.85

Merchandise	4,767.58
Salaries	6,100.99
Postage and Expressage	685.60
Miscellaneous	1,969.03

Total Disbursements	<u>\$38,619.82</u>
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Excess of Receipts	<u>\$276.90</u>
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LIABILITIES—1886 :

Notes on which interest is paid	\$27,761.90
Mortgage on Building	15,000.00
Miscellaneous	5,812.49

Total Liabilities 1886	<u>\$48,574.39</u>
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Total Liabilities 1885	<u>48,639.56</u>
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Decrease of Liabilities	<u>\$65.17</u>
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ASSETS—1886 :

As estimated by Committee :

Book Accounts	\$ 4,841.00
Periodical Accounts	12,300.00
Stock in Store	5,118.00
Books in Sheets	2,308.00
Paper on Hand	417.00
Stereotype Plates	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	5,999.00
Real Estate	35,000.00

Total Assets 1886	<u>\$68,983.00</u>
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Total Assets 1885	<u>70,679.69</u>
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Decrease of Assets	<u>\$1,696.69</u>
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Assets	<u>\$68,983.00</u>
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Liabilities	<u>48,574.39</u>
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Excess of Assets	<u>\$20,408.61</u>
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The Committee appointed to examine Stock, etc., submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted :

PHILADELPHIA, PA., September 8, 1886.

Your Committee appointed to take account of Stock, estimate the value of assets, and report upon the general condition of the affairs of the Board, would offer the following for your consideration :

We find the stock in store properly kept and salable. The total receipts of the past year have been slightly in excess of expenditures, and there has been a small decrease in liabilities.

We are glad to be able to say that the subscription lists of Sunday-school helps and periodicals of the Board have been considerably increased during the year, except the *Sunday School Treasuries* and *Reformed Quarterly Review*, which have about held their own.

It is to be regretted that the business of the Book Department has fallen off to some extent, which is, no doubt, owing to the stringency of the times.

The general assets of the Board are about the same as in former years, though the committee has cut them down in their estimate to nearly two thousand dollars. We feel also that the general business outlook of the establishment is not as encouraging as it might, and as desirable as it should be.

Our expenses are necessarily very heavy, as long as we have so large an indebtedness to carry. What to suggest is perhaps difficult, but after considerable thought and consultation, we would offer the following for your adoption:

1st. WHEREAS, the finances of the Board require that the expenses should be kept as low as is consistent with a proper regard to usefulness, and

WHEREAS, we believe that a saving of more than one half of what we now pay for editing the *Messenger* can be effected by securing some one in the regular pastorate, or other professional calling, to provide the editorial matter and make the selections; the other work to be done by our Superintendent, as is done in the case of all the other periodicals and Sunday-school helps; and

WHEREAS, Good business management requires that the Board, who is financially responsible, should have full control of all its affairs, Therefore

Resolved, That we hereby overture the Synods, owning this establishment, to allow the Board to arrange for the editorial conduct of the *Messenger*, as we now do for the other periodicals we publish, the same to go into effect January 1, 1887.

2d. WHEREAS, The large indebtedness of the Board is a very serious hindrance to its usefulness, and there is no immediate prospect of the income from business reducing liabilities to any considerable extent, and

WHEREAS, It may be deemed advisable by the Board, during the coming year, to sell out the general assets of the establishment, also the real estate—one or both—to a private party or companies with a view to reorganize the entire business of the Board, and to pay off our indebtedness, as far as possible; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby ask the Synods of Pittsburgh, Potomac, and of the United States to grant the Board full plenary power to make the sale, or sales, set forth in the above preamble, providing that neither the general assets nor real estate shall bring less than the committee's estimate of them for the year ending July 31, 1886.

We further recommend, that the Board reiterate and renew its request to the Synods, that annual collections be lifted in all their churches for the benefit of the Board, as is done by other denominations in the interest of their printing establishments. We believe it is but right that our Reformed people generally should have part in carrying on this branch of the Church's benevolent work and that the contributions to the churches will more than equal their investments in the way proposed.

J. W. LOVE,
GEO. W. HENSEL, } *Committee.*
HENRY WIRT.

In addition to what is referred to in the report of the Committee touching the business in the two departments, it may be stated, that during the year the number of books, tracts and services of different kinds printed for the Book Department was 55,000. Of this number there were 18,000 almanacs. In the Periodical Department the number of periodicals published amounted to the sum total of 90,000. In both departments the number has been considerably over that of the preceding year.

During the fore part of this year, arrangements were effected by which the *Sunday-School Missionary*, published by the Board, and the *Missionary Sentinel and Herald*, published by the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, were consolidated under the title of *Reformed Missionary Herald*, with Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Superintendent of Missions, as Editor. The price of the new paper was fixed at 25 cents per copy to one subscriber, and 20 cents per copy in clubs of more than five to one address. As its name indicates it is devoted to the interests of Missions, Foreign and Domestic, and should have a wide circulation. It has now a subscription list of 5000, but should have at least four times that number. It is to be hoped pastors and others interested in the great work of Missions, will lend their aid in getting it into the hands of every member of the church.

The term of George Gelbach, as Trustee of the Synod of the United States, and that of Henry Wirt, of the Synod of Potomac, expiring at the end of the present year, the Synods named will therefore have to fill the vacancies that will thus occur in the Board, at their coming annual sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

THAS. G. FISHER, *Secretary.*

GEO. GELBACH, *President.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 24, 1886.

The Standing Committee on Publication, to whom the foregoing report was referred, submitted the following report, which was taken up item by item and adopted:

The Committee on Publications begs leave to report as follows:

There were referred to this Committee the Report of the Board of Publication, a letter from Rev. Dr. P. S. Davis, Editor-in-Chief of the *Messenger*, and a communication from the Pittsburgh Synod concerning its action relating to publication interests.

The Report of the Board of Publication shows that during the year ending July 31st, 1886, the total receipts have been slightly in excess of expenditures, and that there has been a small decrease in liabilities. It also shows, however, that there has been a considerable decrease in the value of the assets of the Board, and that the condition of the Board has not been improved in a financial point of view. Owing to the embarrassment, occasioned by its large indebtedness, the Board overtures the Synods owning the establishment to allow it to arrange for the Editorial conduct of the *Messenger*, and to grant it plenary power to make the sale or sales of the general assets of the establishment, and also the real estate—one or both to a private party, with a view to reorganize the entire business of the Board and pay off its indebtedness. It also recommends that the annual collections be lifted in all the churches for the benefit of the Board.

Dr. Davis, in his letter, implies that the state of his health may compel him to resign the Editorship of the *Messenger*, and, therefore, he requests that the different Synods appoint a commission to consider his resignation, should he offer it, and to make arrangements for the editing of the *Messenger* in case his resignation should be accepted. He makes this request because he believes that any other method would break the Tri-Synodic compact of 1875.

The communication of the Pittsburgh Synod shows that this Synod has elected a commission of three persons having plenary power to represent it and act for it, on all questions pertaining to the Editorship-in-Chief of the *Messenger* during the current year, and, moreover, invites this Synod to elect a commission of five persons having similar power. It also shows that so far as said Synod is concerned, it has given plenary power to the Board of Publication to dispose of the real estate, and the book-store on the most advantageous terms possible.

In view of all the facts brought to the notice of your Committee, it would recommend the following action on the part of this Synod:

Resolved, That this Synod elect a commission of five persons having plenary power to represent and to act for it on all questions pertaining to the Editorship-in-Chief of the *Messenger* during the ensuing year, and that said commission shall act conjointly with the commissions appointed by the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac, whenever the Board of Publication may deem it necessary to call them together.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod, that the Board

publication be empowered, and so far as this Synod is concerned is hereby empowered, to dispose of the real estate now held by it, and of the book-store,—excepting all stereotyped plates, copy-rights and periodicals—to private parties or companies, on the most advantageous terms possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TITZEL, *Chairman.*

A Special Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. John O. Johnson, L. J. Mayer, John H. Sechler, Elders Jacob G. Brown anduben Reigner, who reported a double set of nominees for the required commission. The President appointed Elders W. K. Gresh and Daniel Troxel as tellers, who took the ballot, counted the votes and reported that the following persons were elected as members of the commission: Revs. D. Van Horne, D.D., B. Bausman, D.D., C. Weiser, D.D., Elders Charles Santee, Jacob G. Brown.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

In the consideration of the Report on Publication, reference was made to the afflictions of the Editor of the *Messenger*, whereupon the following resolution of sympathy was adopted:

Whereas, The Rev. P. S. Davis, D.D., during the past ten years a able and efficient Editor of the *Messenger*, has, for a long period of time, been seriously afflicted by sickness; therefore,
Resolved, That Synod extends to him its tenderest sympathy, and earnestly prays for his speedy restoration to health and strength.

In accordance with instructions, the Stated Clerk had printed 2000 copies of Minutes of Synod in the English and 1000 copies in the German language, and distributed them among the several classes. The cost of printing the English Minutes was \$240.26, or 24 cents per copy, and the German, \$154.31, or 15½ cents per copy. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have published the necessary number of copies of Minutes of Synod, 2800 in the English and 600 in the German language—equal to the number of copies required for the several classes, and the number needed for distribution among the Ministers of the Reformed Church.

Mr. E. J. Durban, of Philadelphia, was elected a member of the Board of Publication.

The following persons belonging to this Synod are members of the Board of Publication: George W. Hensel, James T. Reber, E. J. Durban.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

In the consideration of the Report on Minutes of Classes, under

the head of requests, the 6th and 7th items of the Report were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Wm. H. Groh, J. D. Detrich and Elder Jos. Proctor. The Committee presented the following report during the session on Monday forenoon, which was adopted.

DIVISION OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the division of East Susquehanna Classis would respectfully report :

We have taken this matter into consideration and have concluded to propose the following action, viz.:

I. *Resolved*, That Synod authorizes the division of East Susquehanna Classis at its next annual meeting.

II. *Resolved*, That the same Classis be permitted at said meeting to define its own topographical boundaries into two or three Classis as it may deem best, and that such division shall take effect immediately after the adjournment of the annual meeting.

III. *Resolved*, That Synod authorizes said Classis at its next annual meeting, to dismiss those ministers whose charges are located in the contemplated new Classis or Classes, for the purpose of organizing the new Classis or Classes.

IV. *Resolved*, That Synod authorizes East Susquehanna Classis when such division is effected, to appoint the time and place for organizing the new Classis or Classes, as well as the person or persons who shall preside at the forming of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. GROH, *Chairman*

The 8th item in Report on Minutes of Classes, under the head of requests, was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. H. Dubbs, S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. W. Mabry, Elders Reuben Reigner and D. Troxel.

The Committee presented its report on Monday forenoon. It was read and adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH UNION.

Your committee, to whom was referred the request of the Classis of Schuylkill that this Synod should take action on the subject of *Church Union*, would respectfully submit the following report :

With reference to the importance of the subject thus commended to our attention there can, we think, be no difference of opinion. We share the sentiments of the Classis of Schuylkill with regard to the lamentable weakness, caused by the present divided state of the church, and the necessity of a united Christendom in view of the great issues in which we are involved. In taking this position, we are

pying the ground, which has been held by the Reformed church from the beginning of its history. It has always been favorable to union in the proper sense of the word. We do not forget that Luther wept, when another great reformer refused him the hand of external recognition. We remember that it was a King of Prussia, a member of the Reformed Church, who founded the Evangelical Church Union, which now includes almost the whole of Protestant Germany. We also call to mind the several efforts, which have been made by the church in the United States to induce a closer union with the Reformed churches of the Fatherland, as well as the conventions and conferences, which in former years were held in the hope that they would result in our organic union with that branch of the Reformed Church of this country with which we are historically most closely allied.

The fact that our church has historically proved herself favorable to the cause of church union will hardly, we think, be called in question; but it is also true that our efforts in this direction have, in this country, failed to achieve the results which we had anticipated. We have regretted our failure in this respect, for we have often felt ourselves too weak to perform unaided the tasks which seemed to be providentially committed to our charge, especially in the way of providing for the religious wants of that portion of the great German and Swiss immigration to which we are ecclesiastically related. Left to ourselves, we have struggled onward through difficulties and trials, and are glad to know that of late years, we have enjoyed a degree of external growth and advancement, which has been unexampled in our denominational history. It will therefore be understood that it is not as suppliants, seeking for charity, that we labor to advance the cause of Christian union.

At present this important cause is receiving the special attention of many Protestant denominations. It has been said that it is "in the air." It is held by its promoters that many of the difficulties of former years have passed away; that Christians have become more ready to hold to the cardinal verities of the faith without suffering themselves to be distracted by the minor questions which formerly caused dissensions and divisions. There are some who insist that the churches should become united in a grand external organization, which would leave no room for individual denominations; there are others who hold, that the times are not yet ripe for such things, and that it would be better, for the present, at least, to preserve the denominational system, and to labor for the establishment of an alliance, that would promote the cause of inter-denominational courtesy, and insure the co operation of the churches in every good work.

As a church, we need hardly reiterate the fact, that we look with favor upon the present renewed efforts to bring us into closer relations with those branches of the church to which we are most inti-

mately related. When the time has come for more extended union Providence will no doubt give us light and open the way. In union we shall always maintain and preserve the faith of our church and take delight in her glorious history.

There are at present two subjects which claim our attention preliminary to any greater movement, for which it is possible various denominations may not yet be fully prepared.

First. A closer relation with the Reformed Churches of the Fatherland would be of great importance in the work of missions, especially in the way of enabling us to bring to this country worthy pastors, the multitude of immigrants, and of directing the great stream of immigration into proper channels.

Second. It is a lamentable fact, that in consequence of the present lack of co-operation in the work of domestic and foreign missions there is a failure to achieve the highest results. In western villages there are frequently several churches, representing different branches of the Reformed Church, where one would amply meet the religious requirements of the community. The confusion which, from similar causes, sometimes exists in the foreign work, is so well known, that need not be minutely described. It is also true that in some instances different branches of the Reformed Church refuse to recognize each other's discipline, thus causing dissension where there ought to be peace and harmony. In view of these things, your Committee beg leave to propose the following action:

Resolved, That we request the General Synod to renew and extend its efforts to establish closer relations with the Reformed Churches of Germany, and other ecclesiastical bodies connected with the Church on the Continent of Europe.

Resolved, 2d, That we further importune the General Synod to take such measures as will bring us into more intimate connection with the other Reformed denominations in this country, so that they may mutually recognize and respect each other's discipline, and labor harmoniously in the work of foreign and domestic missions, especially to take favorable action on any communication on this subject, that may be addressed by the Reformed Church in America to the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DUBBS, *Chairman*

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the third day of the Sessions the President appointed Revs. S. Stahr, A. R. Thompson and Elder Wm. Moyer a Committee to hear excuses for leave of absence. The Committee reported first

time to time the applications made by members of Synod, and the requests were granted.

BETHANY ORPHANS' HOME.

The Report of the Bethany Orphans' Home was presented to Synod through its Committee on Overtures and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Thos. J. Hacker, J. W. Mabry and Elder George Hill.

The Report of the Superintendent of the Bethany Orphans' Home is as follows, to wit,—

Dear Brethren of the Synod of the United States :

We herewith present to you a concise statement of the workings, condition and needs of Bethany Orphans' Home.

There are at present sixty-three children in the Home, thirty-six boys and twenty-seven girls, all enjoying good health. The number of employees is seven, viz.: Superintendent, matron, two female teachers, farmer, cook and seamstress. These, with the help of the children, do all the work.

Our school session opened for the year, Monday, September 6th. With the exception of introducing some of the more modern methods of instruction, no change has been made in the school. The children attend school three fourths of the day, the other fourth they work. The boys, individually or in sets, attend to the outside work, while the girls, arranged into four divisions, do the work in the building.

We have religious services in the chapel, every morning in the German language, in the evening in the English, and on Sunday we have church and Sunday-school.

We had a good harvest this year and an abundance of fruit. The farm is well stocked and contributes much towards the support and comfort of the orphans.

We are well supplied with bedding, but are in need of clothing for the children, more especially boys' clothing. A committee of fifteen ladies, from various parts of the church, was recently appointed by the Board of Managers, who will make quarterly or more frequent visits to the Home, examine its workings, inquire into its needs and report the same to the Board of Managers, and through them to the church, so that hereafter the condition of the Home will be more intelligently kept before the people. The average cost, per child, is about \$100 a year; this includes all the expenses of the Home. The capacity of the Home is about one hundred children and the Board is anxious to increase the present number. To this end it asks the increased interest and support of the Synods. We have at present a few hundred dollars debt, no money in the treasury, and our expenses will be increased as we approach winter.

With hearts filled with gratitude to God for His care over us dur-

ing the past year, for His bountiful harvests and for the liberal tributions of His people towards our support, we are,

Fraternally yours,

THOS. M. YUNDT, *Superintendent*

The special Committee on Bethany Orphans' Home submitted following report, which was considered item by item and adopted.

The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Bethany Orphans' Home begleave to the following report:

We learn from the annual report of the Superintendent that the Home evidently enjoys the blessing and favor of God, as realized in abundant harvests from the farm, the excellent health of the children, and the general prosperity of the institution.

There were in the Home, at the close of the year, sixty-three orphans, all of whom attend school, and take part in the work in and around the Home.

The building, when fully occupied, will accommodate one hundred orphans, and the Board is anxious to increase the present number.

We learn with pleasure of the appointment of a committee of five ladies, from various parts of the church, who are to visit the Home frequently, because this will no doubt lead to a greater interest in the institution.

The amount of \$6500 will be needed to run the Home with the present number of orphans, and in proportion to the measure of support by the church, so also will be the measure of usefulness of the Home.

We respectfully offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the Synod, in recognition of God's favors, tender hearty thanks for His blessing upon this home of the fatherless.

Resolved, That we commend the Home to the prayers and continued liberality of the church.

Resolved, That Synod earnestly recommends to the Classes, societies and Sunday-schools, that they aid our Orphans' Home with their contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HACKER, *Chairman*

THE FOUNDING OF A COLLEGE AT WICHITA, KANSAS.

Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent of Missions of the State of Kansas, addressed Synod during the Friday morning session on the propriety of the Reformed Church founding a college beyond the Mississippi, on the conditions embraced in the following letter:

EMPORIA, KANSAS, Sept. 30, 1886.

To the Rev. Synod of the U. S. :

DEAR BRETHREN :—The citizens of Wichita have now made a definite offer to establish a Reformed College in their city. They will give us twenty acres of land, free from all incumbrances for a college campus, raise the money and erect a college building, under the supervision of the Board of Trustees, costing \$25,000, provided we will raise \$15,000 to endow the Presidency of the college. The Board of Trustees is to consist of fifteen members, of whom ten must be members of the Reformed Church, and the other five citizens of Wichita. The time for the acceptance of this offer is limited to October 23, 1886. Wichita will enter into a guaranteed bond for the faithful performance of their part, provided our Synods will accept the offer and arrange to meet our part. Three thousand dollars of the above \$15,000 is already pledged. Will your Synod agree to raise \$5,000, provided the Pittsburgh Synod will raise \$3,000 and the Synod of Potomac \$4,000, making \$12,000, which is still needed to secure this Wichita college? Kansas Classis can do but little, because it is a mission field, and is now engaged in building churches. This college project I regard as a true mission enterprise. The Reformed Church cannot afford to let this offer fail.

Hoping that you will take favorable action in this matter, I remain,

Yours in the Cause,

D. B. SHUEY,

Supt. of Missions in Kansas.

The 8th item in the Report on Overtures, concerning the founding of a college at Wichita, Kansas, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Henry Mosser, Wm. H. Groh and Elder Wm. Moyer, who presented the following report, which was considered item by item and adopted :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent of Missions in Kansas, and his personal statements in regard to the founding of a college at Wichita, would respectfully report,—

That it recommends that the letter containing the plain and full facts in the case be published in the Minutes of Synod. The subject of the communication affords us great pleasure. Christianity is an educational religion. Its extension in every period of history is characterized by the establishment of schools and theological seminaries. Our own history is an illustration.

The citizens of Wichita make us an unusual offer. Our missionary efforts in Kansas fruit early and well. We hail the offer as an

indication of Providence. Hesitation in its acceptance, in the estimation of your committee, would be detrimental to all our work beyond the Mississippi. We recommend the following for action:

Whereas, The citizens of Wichita, Kansas, offered, for the establishment of a Reformed College in that city, twenty acres of land, cash subscriptions of \$25,000 for the erection of a suitable building, said property to be secured to the Board of Trustees by a warranty deed, the proposed institution to be governed by a board of trustees to be composed of fifteen persons, ten of whom must be members of the Reformed Church; and

Whereas, They ask the sum of \$15,000 from the Reformed Church in the East, the interest of which shall support the President of the institution, and

Whereas, Five thousand dollars of said amount is suggested as a reasonable proportion to be raised by this Synod, and

Whereas, The time of acceptance of this offer is limited to October 23, 1886, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we accept this offer and pay \$5,000 to the Board of Trustees, whenever it shall be legally constituted, in trust with the understanding that it shall be invested in real estate, with first mortgage security, and the interest of said amount shall be used in support of the President of the institution.

2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Synod be directed and empowered to effect a loan of such amount, unpledged and unpaid, to make up the amount of five thousand dollars, and pay the same to a legally-appointed person or persons, on the conditions above stated.

3. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to give Rev. D. B. Shuey, the Superintendent of Missions in Kansas, a certificate to the effect, that this Synod has assumed five thousand dollars, and that arrangements have been made to pay the same on or before April 1, 1887.

4. *Resolved*, That an opportunity be given at once to members to pledge for this cause.

5. *Resolved*, That the pledges be made available no later than April 1, 1887.

6. *Resolved*, That Synod appoint one man in each Classis to immediately secure the minimum sum of eight hundred and forty dollars to make up the amount assumed by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY MOSSER, *Chairman*

During the consideration of the aforesaid report, the following voluntary pledges were given:

P. P. Schaffer, \$50; Rev. A. S. Leinbach, \$100; Shalom

Charge, \$100; Wentz Charge, \$50; Delegates of West Susquehanna Classis, \$300; J. R. Hilbush, for Mahanoy Charge, \$25; Church of Ascension, Norristown, \$25; Third Street Reformed Church, Easton, \$200; Schuylkill Classis, \$700; Tohickon Classis, \$500; Zion's Reformed Church, Pottstown, \$25; Trinity Church, Pottstown, \$50; delegates of East Susquehanna Classis, \$400; First Reformed Church, Bethlehem, \$100; Farmersville Charge, \$50; Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, \$10; Kreidersville Charge, \$50; Boyertown Charge, \$50; Oley Charge, \$40; St. John's Reformed Church, Allentown, \$50; delegates of Lebanon Classis, \$300; New Holland Charge, \$35; Rev. Josiah D. Detrich, \$50. The total of the sum pledged is \$3160.00.

Synod being informed by the Superintendent of Missions in Kansas that one thousand dollars would be given by a person or persons whose names he was not at liberty to mention, which was to be placed to the credit of this Synod's promise, the President of Synod appointed one from each Classis whose duty it shall be to secure the balance of the minimum amount of this Synod's \$5,000 promise, namely, \$840. The following persons constitute that committee, namely: Of the Classis of East Penna., Rev. T. O. Stem; of Lebanon, Rev. A. J. Bachman; of Phila., Rev. John H. Sechler; of Lancaster, Rev. John M. Titzel, D.D.; of East Susquehanna, Rev. Thos. J. Hacker; of West Susquehanna, Rev. Wm. M. Landis; of Goshenhoppen, Rev. L. J. Mayer; of Tohickon, Rev. N. Z. Snyder; of Lehigh, Rev. W. J. Peters; of Schuylkill, Rev. H. Mosser.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, The Women's National Indian Association has, through Mrs. John F. Unger, requested our favorable action in behalf of the interests represented by the association, and

Whereas, We recognize the claims of the Indians to our interest and sympathies as valid, therefore,

Resolved, That Synod requests the Congress of the United States to legislate in favor of the Indian acquiring permanent individual tenure of land, of being brought under our civil and criminal laws, and of securing United States citizenship.

CENTENNIAL OF FRANKLIN AND SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF MARSHALL COLLEGE.

The 11th item in Report on Overtures was submitted to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John O. Johnson, J. G. Dengler and Elder William Keliler. The report of the Committee was presented during the morning session on Tuesday, considered item by item and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

The committee to whom was referred the paper of the Alumni Association of Franklin and Marshall College, would respectfully report:

Resolved, That Synod has heard with great gratification that educational institutions at Lancaster are in a very prosperous condition, both in internal strength, number of students and good order.

Resolved, That Synod heartily approves of the celebration of the centennial of Franklin and the semi-centennial of Marshall College during the present collegiate year, and joins with the Alumni Association in profound gratitude to the Head of the Church for manifold blessings bestowed upon Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary connected therewith.

Resolved, That the congregations belonging to this Synod be requested to hold a special service during the current year, in which to render special thanksgiving to God for the prosperity of educational institutions, and to present the claims of our college and seminary to the hearty love, support and patronage of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN O. JOHNSON, *Chairman*

On the 14th item, in Report on Overtures, having reference to communication from the Abilene Board of Trade, Kansas, in regard to the founding of an educational institution in that city, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod thanks the Board of Trade of Abilene, Kansas, for the generous offer made to this body in reference to founding of a college at said place, but inasmuch as Synod has already entered into arrangements with Wichita, Kansas, to found a college at the last-named place, therefore this Synod is not able to accept the offer.

The 6th item, in Report on Overtures, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. T. J. Hacker, John H. Sechler and Elder A. Mader, who reported the following action, which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom were referred catalogues of Franklin and Marshall and of Ursinus College, would report that they have examined the same, and on behalf of Synod would express their gratification at the progress and prosperity of the above-named institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HACKER, *Chairman*

The 1st and 3d items in the Report on Minutes of Classes, under

the head of Requests, were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. G. W. Roth, H. J. Welker and Elder Isaiah C. Gerhart, who subsequently submitted the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the overture of Phila. Classis to this Synod to establish the custom of annually gathering offerings on Reformation Day in aid of Theological Education, and the overture of Lancaster Classis to request the General Synod to set apart the third Sunday in June of each year as Children's Day, would recommend the following action for adoption :

REFORMATION DAY.

Whereas, The Synod in its original action with reference to a Reformation Memorial Day recommended that special collections be lifted on that day in aid of the cause of Theological Education, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod hereby petition the General Synod to set apart Reformation Day as a day on which special offerings shall be made throughout the Church in aid of Theological Education.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Whereas, The Reformed Church has always given a prominent place to her children, and laid special stress on their early Christian education, and

Whereas, There seems to be a general movement in the Protestant Church towards a special Children's Day, and

Whereas, The different Synods of our Church have heretofore set apart different days for this purpose, and

Whereas, The spring of the year appears to be the most appropriate season for such service, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod overtures the General Synod to set apart the third Sunday in June as Children's Day, to be observed by the whole Church.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. ROTH, *Chairman*.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The following action was adopted :

Whereas, The Church in these latter days has come to appreciate highly the work of Christian women as most important, especially in the cause of missions, and

Whereas, We have lately sent forth two young women to engage in mission work in Japan, as Christian teachers, who will need extensive financial aid in founding a school for the education of native girls and young women, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend that Women's Mission societies be organized in the congregations and various Classes throughout our bounds, to co-operate with the Home and Foreign Boards by stated contributions of funds to our Mission Treasuries.

2. *Resolved*, That we favor the inauguration of a system by which Women's Mission Societies may be organized in congregations auxiliary to societies to be formed in Classes and Synod—all auxiliary to a parent Board to co-operate with our Mission Boards.

REPORT ON BOOKS PRESENTED TO SYNOD.

Several items in Report on Overtures were referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. J. H. Dubbs, Geo. Hill and Shuey, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your committee to whom were referred for examination "College Recollections," presented by the author, Rev. Theo. Appel, and copies of "A Child's Life of Christ," by Rev. C. Z. W. D.D., "The Gospel Call," by the late Rev. J. K. Millett, and "The Lord's Portion," by the late Rev. H. Harbaugh, D.D., the last-mentioned volumes presented to Synod by their publisher, Daniel Miller, of Reading, Pa., would respectfully present the following as the result of a cursory examination of these volumes. "College Recollections" is, in the opinion of your committee, a volume of a high order of literary excellence. As a sketch of one of the most interesting periods in the history of the Reformed Church, it is of permanent value. It will be found exceedingly interesting, and its circulation will accomplish a good work by directing the attention of our ministers and members to the contemplation of an early educational history. "A Child's Life of Christ," by Rev. C. Z. W. D.D., as its title indicates, is a book intended primarily for the young ones. It relates the profoundest facts, in childlike language, and we do not doubt that its readers, of every age, will find it interesting and instructive.

"The Gospel Call" is a collection of sermons preached by the late Rev. John K. Millett, whose accidental death in the prime of his usefulness in September, 1885, awakened our profound sympathy. Though your committee has not been able to give to these sermons the attention which they deserve, they have no hesitation in accepting the mature judgment of their editor, Rev. C. S. Gerhart, that "They are thoroughly evangelical, simple, direct and easily comprehended, but at the same time peculiar, thoughtful, and have a degree of freshness about them that is seldom found." "The Lord's Portion," by the late Rev. Dr. Harbaugh, has been well-known to the church since its original publication in 1858. The book has been for some time out of print, and it is therefore with peculiar pleasure that we hail the appearance of a new edition.

Your committee begs leave to propose the following action :

1. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices to observe the rapid increase of our church literature and highly appreciates the labors of its authors.

2. *Resolved*, That "College Recollections," "Child's Life of Christ," "The Gospel Call" and the "Lord's Portion" are books which are recommended as worthy of circulation in the families of the Reformed Church.

3. *Resolved*, That the copies of these books, which have been presented to Synod, be deposited for preservation in the library of the Historical Society at Lancaster.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DUBBS, *Chairman*.

Rev. Dr. Theo. Appel presented a book "on the beginning of the Theological Seminary," which was received and the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That Synod highly appreciates the faithful service performed by Rev. Dr. Theo. Appel in the preparation of his publication entitled "The Beginning of the Theological Seminary," and returns thanks to the author for a copy of this interesting work and recommends it for general circulation in the church.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations had the following papers referred them, viz.: Communications from the President of the Board of Trustees of Synod; from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College; from the Stated Clerk of the Potomac Synod; items from the Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary; from the report of the Committee on the Board of Publication, and also a resolution adopted by Synod. By means of these referred papers the committee was enabled to present its Report of Nominations on Monday at the morning session. The report was adopted. Instruction was given to have a sufficient number of tickets printed for the use of Synod. The election was made in the order of the day on Tuesday, at 8.30 A.M. Elders William Meyer and Abram Mader were appointed tellers, who received the ballots and reported the results of the election to the President.

The members elected on the respective Boards will be found noted in each case in its appropriate place.

The vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College have been filled by the election of John C. Hager, Daniel W. Gross and Hon. John Cessna.

ON THE SUBJECT OF TEMPERANCE.

It was resolved that Synod reiterates its action on the subject of temperance, as expressed in the minutes of the Synod of Pottstown.

Rev. George W. Snyder was appointed by the President to render such assistance to the reporters, as they may need, to aid them in obtaining correct accounts of the proceedings of Synod.

On Friday, during the morning session, Rev. James Morrow, Secretary of the Penna. Bible Society, was invited to address Synod on the cause which he represents. Having heard his address, Synod adopted the following action:

Resolved, That Synod has heard with pleasure the statement of Dr. James Morrow in regard to the work of the Society, and Synod heartily commends the cause of the Penna. Bible Society to the earnest attention and, as far as possible, to the co-operation of our churches.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Synod hereby tenders its sincere thanks to the pastor, members and friends of the Reformed Church of the Strangers and to the other Reformed Churches of this city, for the generous entertainment furnished its members during its sessions, and that the pastor of the Church of the Strangers be requested to announce this action from the pulpit.

Resolved, That Synod returns thanks to such railroads as furnished reduced rates of fare to its delegates, and that the Stated Clerk be hereby instructed to communicate the same to the officers of the said railroads for the privilege granted.

The Synodical Roll was then called and no one was found absent without permission. The minutes were then read finally and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII. •

ADJOURNMENT.

It was resolved that when the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States adjourns finally, it be to meet in annual session in the First Reformed Church at Sunbury, Pa., on Wednesday, October 19, 1887, at 7.30 P.M.

The Synod adjourned finally on Tuesday morning, at 12 o'clock, October 19th, with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, union in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

E. V. GERHART, *President*
JOHN P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*

Official copy from the original minutes.

JOHN P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

CHARTER

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

OF THE

GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

Know ye, that for the purpose set forth and contained in this, our act of association, we, the subscribed citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have associated ourselves for the purpose of becoming a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects, and regulations, and conditions following to wit :

Article 1. That Joseph Heister, Sr., Philip Heitshu, Jacob Laucks, George Small, John Hartman, John Evans, Martin Danner, William Wagner, Samuel Wagner, George Hoke, George King, John Miller, William D. Gobrecht, John C. Bacher, John B. Mish, John C. Gloninger, William Heyser and Luther Reily, and their successors duly elected, and appointed in manner hereinafter directed, and they are hereby declared, made, and constituted a corporation and body, corporate and politic in law and fact, by the name, style and title of "The Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States," at present located in York, in the County of York, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and by the same name and title shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or elsewhere, and to make, have and use a common seal with such device and inscription as they shall deem proper, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure, and shall be capable in law and equity to receive, take, hold and

possess all lands, tenements, goods, chattels, funds, estates and property of whatever kind, nature or quality, real, personal or mixed, which heretofore, in any manner whatsoever, have been given, granted, received, procured, or held by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, devise, bequest or otherwise, for the use of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States. And also, that the said corporations and their successors shall be capable, in law and equity, to purchase, receive, take, have, hold and possess all lands, tenements, goods, chattels, funds, estates, and property of whatsoever kind, nature, or quality, real, personal, or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, devise, bequest or otherwise, of any person or persons, bodies, corporate or politic, capable of making the same:—

Provided, The said estate, real, personal or mixed, does not yield an annual income exceeding five hundred pounds; and that no misnomer shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, purchase, bargain, sale, devise or bequest, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, making the same.

Article 2. That the said corporation shall not at any time consist of more than eighteen members, *all of whom shall be laymen*, when of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States may annually change one-third by a new election, at such time as said Synod shall think proper: and the corporation aforesaid shall have power and authority to manage and dispose of said lands, tenements, goods, chattels, funds, moneys, and other estate whatsoever, agreeably to the intent of the trust committed to it in respect of such property; but, in case when special instruction for the management and disposal thereof shall be given by said Synod in writing, under the hand of their Secretary, it shall be the duty of said corporation to act according to such instructions, if they be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth or to these articles of association.

Article 3. That six members of the said corporation, whereof the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, to be one, shall be a sufficient number to transact the business thereof, and to make by-laws, rules and regulations and to supply the vacancies of members of the corporation occurring during the recess of the said Synod:

Provided, that previous to the meeting of the Board or corporation for such purpose, not appointed by adjournment, two weeks notice shall be given thereof by the Secretary or Clerk of the corporation, to each member thereof, and the said corporation shall and may as often as they shall see proper, and according to the rules by them prescribed, choose out of their number a President, who shall be authorized to call special meetings of the corporation, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary, and such other officers

shall by them, the said corporation, be deemed necessary; to which officers the said corporation may assign such compensation for their services, and such duties to be performed by them, to continue in office for such time, and to be succeeded in office by others, in such way and manner as the said corporation shall direct.

Article 4. That the corporation shall keep regular and fair entries of their proceedings, and a just account of their receipts and disbursements in a book or books to be provided for that purpose, and shall once in a year exhibit to the said synod an exact statement of the accounts and funds of the said corporation.

Article 5. That the said corporation, and their successors, shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make, ordain and establish by-laws and ordinances, and do everything incident and needful for the support and due government of the said corporation, and managing the funds and revenues thereof, provided, the said by-laws be not repugnant to the ordinances, decrees, sentences or resolutions of the said Synod, or the constitution and by-laws of this Commonwealth, or to these articles of association.

Article 6. That the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States shall from time to time establish such professorships and tutorships in literature, science and theology in the said Seminary, as they shall judge expedient, and shall elect the Professors and Tutors thereof, appoint their salaries, prescribe their duties, and remove them from their offices, when in their judgment the interests of said Seminary shall require.

Article 7. That if any person or persons shall endow a scholarship in the said Seminary, of a religious denomination other than the said German Reformed Church, the interest of such scholarship shall be always appropriated to the support of a necessitous student of the said Seminary of such other denomination, provided any such student make application.

Article 8. That the Professors and Tutors of the said Seminary shall constitute a faculty, who shall administer the internal government of the Seminary agreeably to a plan which the said Synod shall approve and authorize, and may from time to time alter and amend.

Article 9. That the Synod aforesaid shall appoint a Board of Visitors, consisting of twelve persons, of whom one-half may be changed annually, by a new election, and of whom four shall be a quorum. And it shall be the duty of the said Board of Visitors to inspect the internal state and government of the said Seminary, performing therein only such specific duties as said Synod shall prescribe, and make report of their proceedings to the said Synod at stated annual meetings; and the said Board of Visitors shall have power to dismiss or expel such offending students of the said Seminary as the faculty shall judge worthy of such punishment, and to

restore to their former standing any of said students who may appear to them to have been unjustly suspended. And in case of removal of a Professor or Tutor of the said Seminary by death, resignation or otherwise, the said Board of Visitors shall have power to supply the vacancy till the next meeting of the said Synod and it shall be their duty to meet annually at the time and place which may be appointed, for the public examination of the students in the aforesaid Seminary, and as often as their President and a majority of them may think proper. They may choose out of their number a President, Secretary, and other officers as often as they shall deem expedient; and may, under the control of the Synod, adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their government, as shall not be contrary to the constitution and laws of the United States, or to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth or to the articles of this association.

Article 10. That no non-user or disuser of any of the powers granted in and by this act, shall incur a forfeiture thereof.

JAMES R. REILY.
GEORGE SMALL.

WILLIAM WAGNER.
FERDINAND L. SPANGLER.

I do hereby certify that I have perused and examined the preceding instrument and am of the opinion that the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained are lawful.

S. DOUGLAS, *Atty. Gen.*

June 18, 1830.

We, the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do certify that at a Supreme Court held at Lancaster for the Lancaster District, we perused and examined the above instrument, and concur with the Attorney General that the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained, are lawful.

Witness our hand at Lancaster, the second day of June, A.D. 1830, *Domini*, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

JOHN B. GIBSON.
MORTON C. ROGERS.

JOHN KENNEDY.
CHARLES HUSTON.

JOHN ROSS.
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PETER WILT.
DANL. HARTMAN.
DANL. SMALL.
CHRISTIAN ROTH.
WM. SPANGLER.
GEORGE MINICK.
JOHANNES LEBER.

P. A. SMALL.
JACOB LOWMASTER.
WM. P. FISHER.
SAML. SPANGLER.
GEORGE SPANGLER.
JACOB SPANGLER.
SAMUEL WAGNER.

JOSEPH K. SPANGLER.
JACOB G. ZARTMAN.
GEORGE SMALL.
DANIEL MAY.
ZACHARIAH SPANGLER.
JOHN EVANS.

I, Samuel A. Huston, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Lancaster District, do certify that the above Charter of Incorporation was presented to the Justice of the Supreme Court of said Commonwealth, and duly allowed by them in open Court. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Court of Lancaster, the second day of June, *Anno Domini*, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, for

SAML. A. HUSTON,

Prothy. of Sup. Court of Lancaster District.

H. G. LONG.

Pennsylvania SS.

In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

GEO. WOLF, Governor of the said Commonwealth,

To SAMUEL MCKEAN, ESQUIRE,

Secretary of the Commonwealth,

Sends greetings:—

Whereas, it has been duly certified to me by Samuel Douglas, Esquire, Attorney-General of the said Commonwealth; and by John B. Gibson, Esquire, Chief Justice; Molton C. Rogers, Charles Houston, John Ross and John Kennedy, Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, that they have respectively perused and examined the act or instrument for the incorporation of "The Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States," and that they concur in the opinion that the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained, are lawful.

Now know you, that in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly, passed the sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-one, entitled "An Act to confer on Associations of the Citizens of this Commonwealth, the powers and immunities of Corporations or bodies politic in law," I have herewith transmitted the said act or instrument of incorporation unto you, the said Samuel McKean, Esquire, hereby requiring you to enroll the same at the expense of the applicants, to the intent, that according to the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained, the parties may become and be a corporation and body politic in law, and in fact, to have continuance by the name, style and title in the said instrument provided and declared.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at Harris-

burg, this Eighth of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-One, and of the Commonwealth fifty-fifth.

By the Governor,

GEORGE WOLF

SAMUEL MCKEAN,
Sec'y. Com'th.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Lancaster.

The petition of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed (German) Church in the United States

Respectfully represents:—

That in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly, passed the 6th of April, A. D. 1791, entitled "an act to confer on certain Associations of the citizens of this Commonwealth the power and immunities of incorporation or bodies politic in law," the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Justices of the Supreme Court of the said Commonwealth respectively certified that the act or instrument of the incorporation of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States was lawful, whereupon the Governor of said Commonwealth, on the eighth day of June, A. D. 1831, transmitted the said act or instrument of incorporation unto the Secretary of the Commonwealth, requiring him to enroll the same, and by virtue thereof your petitioners were created a corporation or body politic according to the article and conditions set forth in a certain instrument of writing, presented and approved as aforesaid: That said corporation is situated in the city of Lancaster; that by the third article in the said instrument of writing, it is provided that six members of the said corporation, whereof the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President to be one, shall be a sufficient number to transact the business thereof, and to make by-laws, rules and regulations; that at a meeting of said corporation, held on the second day of December, A. D. 1880, and in pursuance to two weeks' previous notice given by the Secretary or clerks of the corporation to each member thereof, as directed by the third article in the instrument of writing, six members of the said corporation being present, one of whom being the President, the following improvement, amendment or alteration of the articles and conditions of the charter was proposed, adopted and ordered by the unanimous vote of all present, viz.:

"Resolved, That the articles and conditions of the Charter of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed

Church in the United States shall be improved, amended or altered as follows, viz: That the word '*German*' be omitted in the name of the said Corporation, so as to make the corporate name '*The Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States;*' so that the words '*exceeding five hundred pounds,*' in Article 1, of the Charter, be stricken out, and the words '*Twenty thousand dollars*' substituted therefor."

The petitioners, therefore, pray the Court to peruse and examine the said instrument, and if the improvements, alterations and amendments set forth are and will be lawful and beneficial, to make such order with regard to the same as is directed by the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided: and if no sufficient reason be shown to the contrary, to decree that the said improvements, alterations and amendments shall be deemed and taken to be a part of the instrument upon which said corporation was founded and established, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been originally made part thereof, and they will ever, etc.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

EDWARD J. ZAHM, *Rec. Sec.*

LANCASTER CITY, PA.:

Edward J. Zahm, being duly sworn, says that D. W. Gross, whose name is signed to the following petition, is the President, and his deponent is the Secretary, of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States; and that the names signed to said petition are respectively in the said writing of the said D. W. Gross and this deponent; that the improvements, alterations and amendments contained in the instrument of writing in said petition mentioned, were proposed and adopted as is therein set forth, and that the said D. W. Gross and his deponent, as President and Secretary aforesaid, were directed by said corporation to sign the said petition on behalf of the said corporation.

sworn and subscribed this 14th Day } of December, A. D. 1880, before }	EDWARD J. ZAHM.
J. H. BARR, <i>Alderman.</i> }	

And now, January 17, 1881, the following amendments having been presented in open Court, properly certified as the law directs, together with the proof of publication of the notice of the application therefor three weeks in the *Lancaster Bar*, *The Lancaster Examiner* and the *Lancaster Intelligencer*, three newspapers published in the city of Lancaster, and the same having been examined by the Judges of the Court and found to be in proper form and within the purpose named in the first class, specified in the second section

of the Act of Assembly of the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, entitled, An act to provide for the Incorporation and regulation of certain Corporations, and appearing lawful and not injurious to the community, it is hereby ordered and decreed that the said amendments to the Charter are approved, and upon the recording of the same and this order, the same shall be deemed and taken to be part of the Charter of the said Corporation.

Attest : E. M. MILLER, *Prothonotary*

STATISTICAL REPORTS:

MINISTERS.		CHARGES.		Congrs.		Members.		Uncon- d.		Bapt's		Confirmed.		Certificate.		Command'd.		Dismissed.		Kraures.		Deaths.		S. Schools.		S. B. Sch'ls.		Sta. for M.		Contributions.		Min. of Synod.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
										Adults.																									
Cyrus J. Becker,	Hometown,	2	600	475	35	1	19	8	475	4			10	4	420	2	\$295	\$2250	00	3	3	Catsauque, Lehigh Co., Pa.													
Daniel F. Brendle, D.D.	Narnersville,	3	618	412	61	38	4	525	18	8			7	6	375	1	181	00	127	00	8	3 Bethlehem, Northampton do													
Isaac K. Loos, D.D.	Bethlehem,	1	629	421	31	23	10	480	8				18	1	430		275	00	1800	00	13	do do do													
E. W. Reinecke, D.D.	Plainfield,	3	800	335	63	1	28	1	605	4			23	4	285		146	00	1875	00	2	2 Nazareth, do do													
Robt. Lieberger,	St. Peter's,	2	175	60	31	26	1	128	3				12	3	212		42	00	800	00	12	12 Bath, do do													
Martin A. Smith,	Dryland,	3	870	550	19	4	70	17	600	2			12	3	400		178	00	1300	00	4	3 Nazareth, do do													
Daniel Y. Heiler, D.D.,	Grace Chapel,	1	112	80	22	3	4	91					9	1	111		30	00	932	00	4	Easton, do do													
T. O. Stem,	St. Mark's,	1	334	135	35	2	17	14	251	11			5	1	320		112	00	1850	00	7	do do do													
Thomas A. Huber,	Bangor,	2	130	80	11	5	6	4	110				3	2	150		20	00	190	00	10	Bangor, Northampton do													
Joseph E. Freeman,	Weisport,	4	663	473	28	1	38	4	401	11			27	6	248		174	00	1260	00	12	Weisport, Carbon do													
John J. Crist,	Catsauque,	1	174	215	13	5	10	143	3			28	1	220		40	00	381	00	10	2 Catsauque, Lehigh do														
J. R. Smith,	Moore Township,	3	710	513	33	20	3	525					21	4	400	4	160	00	1700	00	4	6 Bath, Northampton do													
James W. Mabry,	Kreidersville,	2	700	550	37	1	55	7	525				24	5	450		170	00	1200	00	6	6 Cherryville, do do													
Geo. W. Kerchner,	Stroudsburg,	3	310	100	15	1	35	7	225	1			14	4	190		61	00	397	00	8	1 Stroudsburg, Monroe do													
Frank W. Smith,	Pleasant Valley,	2	489	311	21	35	2	252	1				10	1	207		36	00	806	00	12	Gilbert's, do do													
A. R. Thompson,	Mount Bethel,	3	416	233	13	14	2	372	3				7	3	196	2	107	00	1807	00	10	1 Stone Church, Northampton do													
H. M. Klefer,	3d at Rd. Easton, Pa.	1	455	250	11	2	31	15	364	8			11	3	415	3	1763	00	11397	00	14	Easton, do do													
John Kreting,	Brochensville,	4	630	225	52		43	520	3				24	4	400		97	00	2000	00	10	2 Brochensville, Monroe do													
Wm. H. Sublette,	Kearsville,	4	881	100	63		2	50					4	4	80		6	00	100	00	2	1 Kearsville, do do													
																					1	1 Catonsville, Northampton do													

LEBANON CLASSIS.

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	Con	Mo	Un	In	Ad	Cor	Con	Dis	Exc	Des	S. B	Min	Rep	Con	Reg	Ger				
F. W. Kremer, D.D.,	1	1000	750	94	10	53	34	590	9	48	2	771	\$3562	46	\$2000	00	15	Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa.		
Jona E. Hiestor, D.D.,	4	525	325	25	3	14	3	460	6	17	4	350	282	00	1300	00	9	Annville, do		
T. Calvin Leinbach,	6	1300	950	86	32	10	1240	35	10	37	10	300	243	75	6000	00	6	Womelsdorf, Berks do		
George Wolff, D.D.,	1	515	225	28	1	32	15	437	10	4	7	1	381	45	1395	00	12	Myerstown, Lebanon do		
Thos. S. Johnston, D.D.,													100	00				Lebanon, do		
Sect. Bd. For. Missions																		do		
Without charge,																		Straustown, Berks do		
Daniel B. Albright,	1	25	50			2	23	5			1	63	112	00			2	Womelsdorf, do		
Without charge,																		do		
Jas. A. Schultz,	3	250	65	28				164		10	4	106	24	00	260	00	3	Schultzville, do		
R. B. Appel,	4	795	658	73	7	78	14	840	15	42	8	585	114	00	1100	00	9	Hamburg, do		
M. L. Fritch,																		do		
J. C. Bucher, D.D.,	4	740	700	80	3	34	5	490	4	10	26	6	500	1	1200	00	10	Schillington, do		
Adam J. Bachman,	4	480	300	29	19	2	389	2		10	5	312	101	00	800	00	12	Lewisburg, Union do		
Tobias Kessler,																		do		
Without charge,																		do		
Charles H. Coon,	5	1240	686	75	6	42	20	1110	2	16	4	570	332	00	4116	00	12	Schaeferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.		
Tulpehooken charge,	2	1050	650	46	61	1	966	9		34	3	450	34	25	2400	00	14	do		
Sinking Spring ch'ge	4	608	480	32	22	68	514	7		19	5	680	120	00	2400	00	11	Reading, do		
Womelsdorf charge,																		do		
Pres. of Palatine Col.																		do		
St. John's Ch., Leb.,	1	245	160	10	1	4	5	142	2	5	1	198	321	00	2590	00	9	Myerstown, Lebanon do		
George B. Resner,																		do		
M. H. Mishler.																		do		
Bellevue, Kisinger,	4			26				382							1150	00	4	Lebanon, do		
&c.										7								do		
Supt. of Orph. Home,																		Minersville, Schuylkill do		
Womelsdorf.																		do		
Thomas M Yandt.																		do		
B. F. Biery, Licentiate,																		do		
Supplied by Rev. S. S.																		do		
Leinbach.	3	950	600	51	1	82		850	1	26	6	350	110	00	900	00	8	Womelsdorf, Berks do		
Michael's,																		Orefield, Lehigh do		
Supplied by Rev. W. J.																		do		
Kershner.	1	50	75			6	47	6	3	1	75				250	00	5	do		
Supplied by Rev. T.																		do		
Kessler.	1	90		3	2	6		56		2	1	60	11	00	265	00		do		
Sobell's Congregation.																		do		
Ministers, 21.	49	9838	6666	686	34	477	185	8436	113	27	316	62	5660	385	938	91	\$28126	00	141	81

Co.	Mo.	Un.	In.	Ad.	Co.	Co.	Di.	Ex.	De.	St.	Be.	C.	R.	G.
Daniel Feels,														
J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.														Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
Henry W. Super, D.D.														Collegeville, do do
Peter B. Davis, D.D.														do do
Without charge,														907 Arch St., Phila., Pa.
Superannuated,														Philadelphia, Pa.
Charles W. Schultz,	1	362	20	20	6	12	5	360	9	3	1	390	1	Camden, New Jersey.
Geo. Ernest Klopp, D.D.	1	86	36	2	2	14	29	74	2	2	1	74	23	1541 N. 7th St., Phila., Pa.
Do do														33 Saunders Ave., do
Maxwell S. Rowland,														Tom's River, Ocean Co., N.J.
Charles G. Fisher,	1	250	24	8	1	15	15	181	4	3	1	350	375	907 Arch St., Phila., Pa.
David Van Horne, D.D.,	1	108	35	4	2	5	8	92	1	2	5	1	178	1520 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
William C. Hendrickson,	1	214	65	6	3	5	9	175	5	5	1	150	11042	Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
James Crawford,	1	250	95	9	1	2	10	220	4	4	1	265	224	1106 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
John O. Johnson,														Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
John Van Haagen, Lic.,	1	185		6	8	13	3	167		1	1	165	315	Collegeville, do do
Josiah D. Detrich,	1	165		9	2	4	10	157	3	5	1	214	155	Flourtown, do do
do do supply,	2	168	50	1	18	6	1	146	8	2	2	130	74	do do
Silas P. Manger,	1	43	28				8	37		1	2	1	25	Phoenixville, Chester do
do do supply,	1	235	115	19	7	10	4	222	7	9	1	111	263	do do
John H. Seebler,	1	255	45	2	8	15	15	250	38	3	4	1	2497	Centre Square, Mont. do
Henry T. Spangler,	1	316	70	12	4	6	6	220	1	4	1	125	178	Collegeville, do do
Uriah Weidner,	1	626	160	28	17	30	34	480	4	4	1	750	287	Mont. Square, do do
James I. Good,	2	246	55	6	14	18	19	212		5	5	2	339	1515 N. 19th St., Phila., Pa.
David W. Ebbert,	2	197	27							5	5	2	198	Spring City, Chester Co., Pa.
Edward D. Wettach,	1	107	82	3	16	30	5	181	7	2	1	86	66	Camden Station, do do
Silas F. Leary,	1	24					3	1	86	2	1	25	33	Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.
do do supply,	2	112	65	7	1	8	4	85		2	1	45	40	do do
Charles W. Levan,	1	109	33	16	25	30	99	7		3	5	1	229	Ridgeley, Caroline Co., Md.
Solomon U. Snyder,	3	379	12	3	5	1	266	3		30	7	3	275	1911 W. Huntingdon St.,
Vacant,	1	50	15	1	6	15	4	50		1	1	50	9	Phila., Pa.
do														
Total, 26	28	4387	1620	171	119	239	221	3780	103	49	77	27	4419	621509
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At the annual meeting Licentiate James W. Meminger was received from Carlisle Classis, Synod of Potomac, and a call to him from Brownback's charge confirmed. He has since been ordained and installed. His P. O. address is Vincent, Chester Co., Pa. At the same meeting Classis licensed Henry A. Bomberger. Since the annual meeting Rev. M. S. Rowland has been dismissed to Presbytery of Monmouth, Synod of New Jersey, Licentiate H. A. Bomberger to Tobickon Classis, and Rev. C. W. Levan to East Pennsylvania Classis. Bro. Levan's address is changed to Easton, Pa.

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	B. S. Sch'ls.	Stu. of Min.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	Ger.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
					Infants.	Adults.										Beney.	P'poses.				Congre's P'poses.	Eng.
William T. Gerbard,	Without charge,	1	65	10	1		3	5	64	3		1			1	\$190 00	\$213 00	6			Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.	
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D.,	St. Stephen's,																				do do do	
Theodore Appel, D.D.,	Author,	1	43				1		35				1	95		26 00	244 00	5			do do do	
Alfred B. Shankle,	Willow Street,																				do do do	
Elanathan E. Higbee, D.D.,	State Supt. Pub. Inst'n																				do do do	
T. G. Apple, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. in Theol. Sem'y,																				do do do	
John M. Titze, D.D.,	1st church, Lancaster,	1	419	160	16	3	36	22	350	14		11	1	304		650 00	2127 00	16			do do do	
Joseph H. Dubbs, D.D.,	Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																				do do do	
Frederick A. Gast, D.D.,	Prof. in Theol. Sem'y,																				do do do	
William H. H. Snyder,	Salem, Harrisburg,	1	390	125	22	5	19	13	320	10		8	1	400	1	334 00	2134 00	12			Harrisburg, Dauphin do	
John P. Stein,	Millersville,	3	295	100	11	4	7	4	227	4		6	3	165		198 00	3897 00	18			Millersville, Lancaster do	
Darius W. Gerbard,	New Holland,	4	496	230	33	26	40	17	431	4		14	4	288		244 00	965 00	17	2		New Holland, do do	
† Jos. B. Shumaker, D.D.,	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	1	309	125	11	4	14	12	270	4		2	2	263		195 00	1725 00	16			Lancaster, do do	
Stephen Schweitzer,	Reamstown,	5	875	233	68	15	10	6	750	2		32	5	210	1	222 00	825 00	5	5		Lincoln, do do	
Daniel C. Tobias,	Bethany,	4	406	261	29	5	15	6	312			15	4	100		61 00	950 00	10	2		Lititz, do do	
John S. Stahr, Ph.D.	Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																				Lancaster, do do	
Geo. W. Snyder,	2d church, Harrisburg,	1	123	78	6	4	8	13	90	5		3	1	200		125 00	690 00	8			Harrisburg, Dauphin do	
John M. Souder,	New Providence,	2	258	188	2	9	15	4	224	4		2	2	220		143 00	754 00	12			N. Providence, Lancaster Co., Pa.	
Albert S. Stauffer,	Hummelstown,	4	263	118	4	1	1	201	1							67 00	1050 00	8			Hummelstown, Dauphin do	
Jonath. H. Pannabecker,	Trinity, Columbia,	1	209	161	15	5	14	9	153	2		9	5	250		92 00	1300 00	8			Columbia, Lancaster do	
William F. Lichliter,	St. Luke's, Lancaster,	1	91	95	27	4	9	10	79	4		1	6	235		16 00	471 00	2			Lancaster, do do	
Ramuel M. Roeder,	Elisabethtown,	2	148	62	5	3	6	1	114	1		4	1	107		80 00	658 00	14			Elisabethtown, do do	
Jairus P. Moore,	Missionary to Japan,	1	29	1		22		2													50 Kami, Tokio, Japan.	
Newton J. Miller,	Without charge,																				Lancaster, Lancaster do	
David B. Schneider,	Marietta,	1	136	129	22	3	16	4	89	2		7	5	130		41 00	453 00	6	2		Marietta, do do	
† Alphonso J. Olinger,																					Portland, Ore. on do	
Warren J. Johnson,	Manheim	2	184	130	8	15	28	10	164	3		6	5	246		204 00	1427 00	12			Manheim, Lancaster Co., Pa.	
† John B. Klefer, Ph.D.,	Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																				Lancaster, do do	
† George F. Mull,	Dept. Pub. Instruct'n,																				Harrisburg, Dauphin do	
	Zwingli,	1	71	29	10			5	55	2				1	35		8 00	230 00				do do do
	Maytown,	1	63	24	7			2	38			3	1	100		7 00	166 00	5	2		Maytown, Lancaster do	

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																Beney.	Comg.				
Adolph Duenger, D.D.,	Ashland,	1	300	250	34	33	0	275	5	13	1	225	1	225	\$105 00	\$800 00	2	2	Ashland, Schuylkill		
Arion B. Hottenstine,	Mahanoy,	3	306	192	33	18	237	32	9	7	4	182	7	4	98 00	850 00	5	5	Mahanoy, North'd		
Fred Houts,	Orangeville,	4	346	160	10	7	20	4	292	9	24	300	24	4	395 00	800 00	8	8	Orangeville, Columbia		
Lightman Derr,	Conyngham,	4	620	400	55	1	28	550	9	23	6	300	23	6	170 00	1000 00	8	8	Conyngham, Luzerne		
William G. Engle,	Uniontown,	6	725	225	78	1	42	1	460	9	15	4	200	15	4	206 00	900 00	6	6	Pillow, Dauphin	
Geo. B. Dechant,	Namidia,	6	402	350	26	1	55	3	325	1	15	4	200	15	4	164 00	930 00	8	2	Catawissa, Columbia	
Franklin K. Levan,	Wilkesbarre,	1	400	385	62	17	9	300	12	15	11	1	200	15	11	70 00	1350 00	3	3	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne	
Leob B. Kerschner,	Milwaukeeburg,	3	453	185	19	24	7	350	12	15	11	1	200	15	11	130 00	965 00	3	3	Milwaukeeburg, Dauphin	
Thomas J. Hacker,	Shamokin,	1	517	403	100	4	28	407	7	8	17	1	425	8	17	320 00	1657 00	12	3	Shamokin, Northumberland	
Sebastian C. Meckel,	Plymouth,	1	82	75	24	9	6	61	2	3	17	1	54	3	17	36 00	365 00	2	3	Plymouth, Luzerne	
William B. Sandoe,	Kingtown,	4	190	193	48	2	11	1	172	4	18	4	150	18	4	34 00	536 00	6	4	Kingtown, Schuylkill Co.,	
Joseph Sidney Kohler,	Waywallopen,	4	359	130	40	1	6	313	4	30	4	255	30	4	142 00	800 00	16	2	Waywallopen, Luzerne		
M. Maesenhelmer,	Weatherly,	2	285	200	55	17	17	240	6	8	12	1	240	8	12	44 00	1000 00	2	2	Weatherly, Carbon	
Charles H. Mutschler,	Overton,	3	160	94	11	2	4	142	4	13	2	125	2	1	23 00	775 00	3	1	Dushore, Sullivan		
Joseph H. Hunsberger,	Christ Church,	1	94	35	2	2	4	71	4	2	2	1	65	2	1	46 00	548 00	4	2	Fayette, Seneca	
George P. Hartzell,	Augusta,	6	495	349	40	4	29	12	408	4	13	6	210	13	6	194 00	1409 00	12	2	Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa.	
Emuel Kuhn,	Berrysburg,	6	326	150	15	23	3	266	6	4	6	268	6	6	65 00	576 00	8	8	Elizabethtown, Dauphin		
Samuel C. Yost,	Milton,	1	322	110	15	2	18	5	260	6	4	5	1	334	145 00	1316 00	8	8	Milton, Northumberland		
John Calvin Leinbach,	Sunbury,	1	287	180	14	3	9	17	260	4	8	1	190	9	87 00	8850 00	10	5	Sunbury, do		
John C. Glantz,	Deep Creek,	5	268	235	50	23	1	245	5	13	5	225	13	5	95 00	750 00	5	5	Hegins, Schuylkill		
John A. Peters,	Danville,	3	350	115	13	12	36	13	290	7	8	284	8	3	417 00	1490 00	20	20	Danville, Montour		
Emuel R. Bridenbaugh,	Bloomsburg,	2	305	190	11	9	37	22	275	9	20	7	210	7	210	300 00	1565 00	14	14	Bloomsburg, Columbia	
E. Schroeder,	Mc. Zion,	3	546	211	17	2	35	380	1	20	7	210	7	210	124 00	1000 00	18	18	Turbotville, Northumberland		
George S. Sorber,	Paradise,	3	461	215	19	1	4	10	362	10	1	3	455	3	455	1363 00	1363 00	8	8	McEwensville, North'ber'd	
John H. Herr,	St. John's, Catawissa,	1	85	60	1	1	4	5	68	5	1	1	70	1	7 00	83 00	10	10	Catawissa, Columbia		
Alus C. J. Kurtz,	Without charge,	1	85	60	1	1	4	5	68	5	1	1	70	1	7 00	83 00	10	10	Shamokin, Northumberland		
Vacant,	*Line Mountain,	4	240	137	12	1	53	205	2	4	130	4	130	4	54 00	384 00	10	10	Hepler's, Schuylkill		
Vacant,	+Freeland,	1	60	100	17	12	1	60	2	1	1	100	1	1	300 00	300 00	6	6	Freeland, Luzerne		
Fred Houts, supply,	Brier Creek congreg'n	1	34	20	1	2	7	1	32	1	1	1	100	1	10 00	60 00	3	3	Orangeville, Columbia		
R. Hottenstine, sup.,	Davids' congregation,	1	67	54	9	9	7	57	1	3	1	35	3	1	6 00	74 00	2	2	Mahanoy, North'd		
Co. B. Dechant, sup.,	Mifflin congregation,	1	40	30	3	3	28	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 00	14 00	2	2	Catawissa, Columbia		
" " " "	Shaffer's congregation,	1	10	10	1	1	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 00	14 00	2	2	" "		
" " " "	Salem congregation,	1	30	30	2	2	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12 00	30 00	2	2	" "		
																	3	3	\$32540 00	228	53

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.		CHARGES.		Congrs.		Members.		Unconfr'd.		Bapt's		Confirmed.		Certificate.		Command'd.		Dismissed.		Kreasures.		Deaths.		S. B. Schools.		Sta. for M.		Contributions.		Min. of Synod.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.							
										Infants.		Adults.																Benef. Pulp.		Cong. Pulp.		Rag.		Ger.					
William H. Grob,		Boalsburg,		4		354		245		22		20		14		318		11				8		3		215		\$156 00		\$2020 00		10		2		Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.			
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,		Supt. Pub. Inst.																																Spring Mills, do					
William W. Clouser,		White Deer,		3		344		150		43		10		43		3		399		5		3		110				137 00		884 00		12		5		White Deer Mills, Union do			
William A. Haas,		Selinsgrove,		4		410		390		30		6		78		9		400		5		4		12		4		315 2		300 00		100 00		8		2		Selinsgrove, Snyder do	
William M. Landis,		Beaver Springs,		5		526		468		27		1		23		3		495		1		15		9		5		285 1		204 00		3715 00		38		2		Beaver Springs, Snyder do	
John F. De Long,		Lewisburg,		1		249		65		4		1		9		7		219		4				5		1		175 1		305 00		1304 00		16				Lewisburg, Union do	
A. Carl Whitmer,		Supt. Missions,																																		Lancaster, Lancaster do			
William B. Yearick,		Superannuated,																																		Walker, Centre do			
S. Penrose Brown,		Liverpool,		6		200		190		33		9				170						5		350				41 00		600 00		4		4		Chapman, Snyder do			
David O. Shoemaker,		Nittany,		6		295		180		25		5		6		288		12				9		4		260		180 00		1050 00		10				Walker, Centre do			
Tughman R. Diets,		New Berlin,		5		362		188		19		17		17		323		8				10		5		185		203 00		1000 00		25				New Berlin, Union do			
Zwingli A. Yearick,		Aaronsburg,		4		323		227		25		16		54		257		49				3		5		4		280 2		182 00		8182 00		18				Aaronsburg, Centre do	
George W. Gerhard,		Lock Haven,		2		170		100		25		5		11		2		110		6				1		200		56 00		790 00		6		4		Lock Haven, Clinton do			
Henry Keller,		Retired from Act. Min.																																		Bellefonte, Centre do			
Daniel H. Leader,		St. John's, Williamsport,		1		129		50		11		2		7		23		108		2		1		115				102 00		1500 00		12				Williamsport, Lycoming do			
Thomas S. Land,		Centre Hall,		4		275		110		20		25		21		240		11				7		2		175 1		205 00		1166 00		16				Centre Hall, Centre do			
William E. Hoy,		For. Miss'y in Japan,																																		Sendai, Japan.			
John Dotterer,		Rebersburg,		5		312		190		16		1		2		1		278		8		13		5		280		264 00		690 00		23		5		Rebersburg Centre do			
Levi D. Steckel,		Mifflinburg,		3		459		170		11		6		26		12		445		12		14		3		215		381 00		850 00		22				Mifflinburg, Union do			
Vacant,		Bellefonte,		2		170		75		7		13		1		150		6				4		2		145		278 00		1769 00		15		1		Bellefonte, Centre do			
Total, 19.				55		4578		2798		318		32		304		173		4140		135		22		101		48		7		\$2995 00		26520 00		235		25			

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congr.	Members.	Unbapt'd.	Bapt's		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Knaures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch's.	Sta. for M.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	Post-office Address.	
					Infante.	Adult.											Benef.	Conf. Purp.			
Clement Z. Welser, D.D.,	New Goshenhoppen,	2 950	650	45			32	1	913	6			28	2	700		\$922 00	\$1800 00	8	8 East Greenville, Montg. Co., Pa.	
L. Kreider Evans,	Trinity, Pottstown,	1 675	670	83	6	55	17	600	5			3	52	2	550		400 00	2500 00	15	1 Pottstown, do	
Lucian J. Mayer,	Boysertown,	3 870	801	54		27	10	820	9				28	1	250		389 00	1290 00	10	12 Boysertown, Berks do	
Augustus L. Dechant,	Old Goshenhoppen,	4 650	250	41	3	11	8	627	10				20	5	400	1	286 00		6	10 Pennsburg, Montgomery do	
Simon M. K. Huber,	Went's,	3 730	360	25	28	33	6	656	6				21	2	260	2	218 00	1100 00	10	4 Skippackville, do	
Ell Keller,	Zionsville,	4 955	550	74	2	13	7	800	21	1			33	4	450		397 00	601 00	4	20 Zion'sville, Lehigh do	
Isaac S. Stahr,	Oley,	4 675	500	48	1	35	2	565	4			3	26	5	250		201 00	958 00	11	4 Oley, Berks do	
Cosmos H. Herbet,	Pottstown,	2 475	370	45	5	36	12	375	6				18	2	375		162 00	6250 00	12	4 Pottstown, Montgomery do	
C. S. Wiemand,	Zion's (Pottstown),	1 187	100	11	1	12	21	185	1				2	1	130		60 00	1450 00	10	do do	
F. P. A. Hoffman,	Hill,	2 320	200	21									15	3	140		800 00		3	4 Reading, Berks do	
John H. Leinbach, sup.,	Amityville,	1 275	150	8		43	1	250	3				9	3	100		85 00	570 00	12	do do	
Robert C. Weaver, do	Chestnut Hill,	1 85	54	9					73	1			2	1	100		21 00	150 00	2	2 Coopersburg, Lehigh do	
Henry L. Gerhart,	Licentiate,																			Spinnerville, Bucks do	
James S. Freeman,	do																			Worcester, Montgomery do	
		28 6817	4655	464	44	297	86	6144	78	1			6	254	31	3705	3 \$3141 00	18869 00	103	69	

CLASSIS OF THICKON

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congr.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command'd.	Dismissed.	Kroom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schlr's.	Sta. Min'y.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.										Benev. Pulp.	Comp. Pulp.			
David Rothrock,	Durham,	2	625	308	19	2	29	4	473	5		2	18	4	180	1	\$157 00	\$977 00	20	2 Kinterville, Bucks Co., Pa.
S. K. Gross,	Ridge Valley,	2	357	278	35				341			1	22	2	81		16 00	636 00	7	5 Schlichter's, do do
Levi C. Shepp,	Doylestown,	1	117	82	2		2	5	95					1	95		60 00	450 00	6	Doylestown, do do
Amandus F. Ziegler,	Keller's,	2	302	110	13		10	15	267	5			8	2	125		50 00	750 00	9	4 Bingen, Northampton do do
Jacob Kehm,	Indian Creek,	2	850	550	55	9	38	7	755	6		27	4	300		257 00	2800 00	14	14 Sellersville, Bucks do do	
Nathaniel Z. Snyder,	South Bethlehem,	2	390	270	46		23	14	283	2		9	14	3	330	1	126 00	1025 00	10	48. Bethlehem, Northampton do do
Franklin J. Mohr,	Quakertown,	3	570	250	31		24	17	518	18		23	3	290	2	211 00	2184 00	16	6 Quakertown, Bucks do do	
James G. Dengler,	Sellersville,	3	450	175	18	2	11	12	424	2		1	12	5	175		288 00	1125 00	13	8 Sellersville, do do
Robt. C. Weaver,	Friedensville,	3	618	390	80		12	507	1			1	40	11	330		139 00	850 00	8	8 Coopersburg, Lehigh do do
G. W. Roth,	South Easton,	1	185	145	22	1	15	4	142			5	2	208		68 00	730 00	6	S. Easton, Northampton do do	
A. B. Koplin, D.D.,	Lower Saucon,	3	605	320	20		23	4	460	1		13	5	345	3	508 00	1618 00	10	Hellertown, do do	
H. F. Seiple,	Hilltown,	2	390	227	18	10	28	4	386	5		13	2	160		179 00	660 00	12	4 Lansdale, Montgomery do do	
B. B. Ferer,	Riegelsville,	1	255	139	16	7	18	8	216	1		3	1	250		610 00	1105 00	12	Riegelsville, Bucks do do	
L. O. Edmonds, supply,	Durham,	1	104	60	1	16	27	13	93	6		3	1	268		50 00	876 00	8	S. Bethlehem, Northampton do do	
J. J. Rothrock,	Lansdale,	1	135	71	5				91							105 00	350 00	6	Lansdale, Montgomery do do	
D. F. Brendle, supply,	St. Johns or N. Williams	1	138	20																Bethlehem, Northampton do do
Vacant,	Leidytown,	1	135	20																
D. Rothrock, supply,	Tinticum,	3	380	132	18	2	26	2	271	4		14	4	110		58 00	409 00	24	8	
Vacant,	Springfield,	3	540	280	15	1			268	2		15	4	150		75 00	1082 00	12		
F. F. Christine,																				
Milton H. Mill, Lic.,																				
Morris W. Mauch, Lic.,																				
Jacob G. Dubbs, Lic.,																				
		36	7009	3797	414	47	274	117	5490	58						7	\$2957 00	\$17627 00	193	64

* Dismissed to Schuylkill Classis. Jacob G. Dubbs was ordained and installed pastor of Springfield charge, Sept. 23, 1896.

CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congr.	Members.	Unmemb'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commended.	Dismissed.	Kroom.	B. S. Sch.	B. S. Sch's.	Sta. for M.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
															Pulp.	Cong. Pulp.				
Vm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	Ziegel,	4	850	700	135	51	51	750	65	4	35	10	600	5	\$450 00	\$5600 00	3	6	Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.	
E. Herman,	Fleetwood,	4	630	400	125	35	4	510	3	4	30	6	400	1	165 00	3000 00	2	4	Kutztown, Berks do	
J. Herman,	Zion's,	7	673	320	60	40	600	400	5	20	5	450	4	121 00	2000 00	5	12	Maxatawny, do do		
Vm. R. Hafford,	Egypt,	4	900	490	67	34	8	810	5	19	9	550	4	345 00	1400 00	38	10	Allenstown, Lehigh do		
Vm. Bartholomew,	Mahoning,	4	600	350	104	68	535	1	17	17	350	3	419 00	2200 00	10	10	Lehigh, Carbon do			
F. S. Strasburger,	Without charge,	4	900	600	52	58	835	12	31	8	3	833 00	2954 00	25	10	523 Walnut St., do				
J. J. Fogel,	Jordan,	1	470	242	16	16	12	356	5	17	1	452 3	767 00	18	8	Lenhartsville, Berks do				
G. Wagner, D.D.,	St. John's Reformed,	1	1000	500	156	5	99	60	800	4	64	1	920	2	100 00	1500 00	9	911	Hamilton St., Allentown do	
J. G. Dubbs, D.D.,	Salom's Reformed,	4	550	275	58	40	445	2	21	8	290	2	7 00	2000 00	8	18	Allenstown, Lehigh do			
Benjamin Weiss,	Lenhartsville,	1	105	80	4	13	7	65	1	27	9	425	1	570 00	1600 00	8	20	Kutztown, Berks do		
Fritsinger,	St. Mark's (congn.),	3	550	225	65	17	1	450	1	45	5	550	2	218 00	2500 00	10	8	Lynnport, do do		
Thomas N. Reber,	Macungie,	4	800	600	105	41	680	1	16	4	260	8	3	200	72 00	700 00	5	6	Fogelsville, do do	
F. C. Schaefer, Ph.D.,	Prof. State Nor. Sch.,	1	300	170	30	26	220	1	18	30	1	550	2	680 00	3200 00	18	7	111 N. 8th St., Allentown do		
V. W. A. Helfrich,	Jacktownville,	1	400	200	16	29	325	8	8	2	1	200	1	36 00	512 00	10	2	28 N. 2d St., do do		
ohn H. Leinbach,	Kutztown,	1	880	440	28	20	8	660	7	18	2	1	90	4	00	933 00	8	4	Summit Hill, Lehigh do	
idwin A. Gernant,	Zion's Reformed,	1	138	96	9	5	4	82	3	18	2	1	338	12	1	1864 00	16	2	Lehigh, Carbon do	
H. Diefenderfer,	Christ's Reformed,	1	138	115	12	29	8	108	1	10	1	240	20	1	106 00	550 00	8	6	Slatington, Lehigh do	
Wm. M. Kelly, Ph.D.,	Pres. Allent. Fem. Col.	1	138	115	12	29	8	108	1	10	1	240	20	1	45 00	170 00	10	8	Kutztown, Berks do	
lfred P. Horn,	Summit Hill,	1	325	330	31	24	17	254	2	8	1	70	1	45 00	170 00	10	8	Kutztown, Berks do		
eo. W. Stibits,	Lehighton,	1	325	330	31	24	17	254	2	8	1	70	1	45 00	170 00	10	8	Kutztown, Berks do		
feri F. Peters,	Slatington,	1	280	160	24	210	115	5	1	4	1	75	13	00	700 00	2	2	Kutztown, Berks do		
L. Kemp,	Licentiate,	1	200	125	20	175	85	1	2	1	40	21	00	150 00	4	8	Kutztown, Berks do			
apply Dr. Helfrich,	Lynnstown congr.,	1	95	45	5	85	1	145	65	9	1	75	13	00	700 00	2	2	Kutztown, Berks do		
do R. C. Weaver,	Emaus	1	95	45	5	85	1	145	65	9	1	75	13	00	700 00	2	2	Kutztown, Berks do		
do A. Bartholomew,	St. Peter's	1	95	45	5	85	1	145	65	9	1	75	13	00	700 00	2	2	Kutztown, Berks do		
do Benj'n Weiss,	Blandon	1	95	45	5	85	1	145	65	9	1	75	13	00	700 00	2	2	Kutztown, Berks do		
		52	11009	6558	1140	7	615	129	9140	125	40	447	96	7260	22	\$5129 00	\$43796 00	236	174	

SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Krauses.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.											Benev.	Congr.		
A. S. Leinbach,	Schwartzwald,	5	1460	640	182	2	128	1400	5				50	8	615		\$215 00	\$1635 00	8	4 Reading, Pa.
Jacob Kline,	2d Church, Reading,	1	563	300	30	4	31	11 400	9			1	18	2	*619	1	2610 00	5722 00	15	1 Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
Chas. F. McCauley, D.D.,	St. Paul's Mem., Rdg.,	1	650	300	31	3	35	19 535	10				11	2	*519	1	1579 00	4408 00	13	Reading, Pa.
Benj. Bauman, D.D.,	St. Paul's, Mahanoy C.	1	625	500	80		31	11 550	4			26	1	475		200 00	1500 00	6	6 Mahanoy City, Pa.	
Henry A. Keyser,																				Reading, Pa.
F. W. Dechant,	Orwigsburg,	5	575	475	25	6	56	415	2			24	5	440		91 00	1000 00	4	4 Orwigsburg, Pa.	
Henry Leisse,	1st Ref. Ch., Reading,	1	1000	900	99	2	90	21 980	25			56	2	*974	1	1176 00	4342 00	15	611 Washington St., Reading, Pa.	
Henry Mosser,	St. John's, Reading,	1	525	400	63	2	58	27 420	14			15	1	440		110 00	2300 00	11	3 Reading, Pa.	
J. W. Steinmetz,	Trinity Ch., Pottsville	1	292	200	23	1	10	17 219	6			4	1	240		185 00	2700 00	12	Pottsville, Pa.	
Allen R. Bartholomew,	Trinity Ch., Tamaqua,	3	365	290	50		14	2 300				1	13	3 300	1	207 00	1275 00	5	5 Tamaqua, Pa.	
J. J. Fisher,																				Sanford, Fla.
Percy Y. Schelley,	New Jerusalem,	3	675	468	60	1	24	7 489	6			1	22	7 313		221 00	1486 00	10	10 Schuylkill Haven, Pa.	
W. Donat,	1st Church, Pottsville,	2	235	185	18		12	5 180	3			2	2	2 200		66 08	1870 00	8	8 Pottsville, Pa. (Mifflinburg).	
L. D. Steckel,	St. Mark's,	1	187	105	19	1	23	10 146				7	1	175		43 00	816 00	8	Cressona, Pa.	
J. Alvin Reber,	Pinegrove,	4	425	255	42	2	58	1 310				11	4	460	1	36 00	485 00	4	4 Pinegrove, Pa.	
Geo. A. Zeller,	St. Stephen's,	1	183	125	26	1	18	52 149	4			6	2	1 350		67 00	1175 00	6	508 N. 9th St., Reading, Pa.	
Calvin S. Gerhard,	St. John's,	1	309	200	21	2	29	1 272	2			2	6	1 270		270 00	2000 00	9	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.	
O. H. Strunk,	Trin. Ch., Shenandoah	1	305	300	42	3	26	10 195				12	12	1 250		32 00	1173 00	4	2 Shenandoah, Pa.	
W. D. Donat,	Hamburg, I	2	500	300	42	3	34	6 387	5			23	3	375		63 00	1000 00	18	Hamburg, Pa.	
George W. Roth,	St. John's,	1	279	240	30		17	3 230	6			5	8	1 160		55 00	850 00	5	5 Tamaqua, Pa.	
I. E. Graef,	St. John's, St. Clair,	1	40	30	3			35				3	1	29			60 00	3	1	
L. D. Steckel, supply,	St. John's, Leesport,	2	335	180	20	3	24	290	1				13	2	175		115 00	600 00	10	342 S. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
S. A. Leinbach,	Minersville,	1	120																	Minersville, Pa.
M. H. Minibach,																				Reading, Pa.
Rufus W. Miller, Jr.,																				Reading, Pa.
David A. Souder,																				
Total, 23.			39 964	6393	914	33	718	203 790	2102			30	326	49 7370	5	\$37341 00	\$36397 00	171	53	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Minist'rs.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconf'd Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.	Comm'd.	Dismiss'd.	Excom.	B'rs'd.	Deaths.	Sunday School.	B. School.	Students for the Min.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.		
					Infants.	Adults.										Gen'l Purp.	Congr'l Purp.			
East Pennsylvania,	26	52	9656	5790	613	13	446	161	7187	79	32	251	62	5744	12	\$4003 00	\$34387 00	153	48	
Lebanon,	21	49	9858	6666	686	34	477	185	8436	113	27	316	62	5660	3	5988 00	28126 00	141	81	
Philadelphia,	26	28	4387	1020	171	119	239	221	3780	103	49	77	27	4419	6	21509 00	43483 00	242	1	
Lancaster,	25	38	4873	2259	302	127	312	146	3966	65	23	122	36	3608	4	2903 00	20279 00	180	13	
East Susquehanna,	26	81	9165	5503	836	54	585	209	8466	94	56	267	79	5917	3	3475 00	32540 00	228	53	
West Susquehanna,	19	55	4578	2798	318	32	304	173	4170	135	22	101	48	3305	7	2995 00	26520 00	235	25	
Goshenhoppen,	10	28	6847	4655	464	44	297	86	6144	78	6	254	31	3705	3	3144 00	18869 00	103	69	
Tobikon,	16	36	7009	3797	414	47	274	117	5490	58	16	223	57	3667	7	2957 00	17627 00	193	64	
Lehigh,	23	52	11009	6558	1140	7	645	129	9140	125	40	447	96	7260	22	5429 00	43396 00	230	174	
Schoykill,	23	39	9648	6393	914	33	718	203	7902	102	36	326	49	7370	5	7341 00	36397 00	171	53	
Total,	215	458	76030	44437	5858	510	4268	1620	64641	962	1	281	2284	547	50655	72	\$59744 00	\$301524 00	1876	581
Synod of Ohio, -	147	297	20691	7449	858	704	1633	865	16217	389	9	526	344	225	17721	22	14835 00	77401 00		
Ger. Synod. North West, -	117	149	15708	10547	1289	17	905	609	10517	145	12	387	355	144	8234	19	10252 00	59619 00		
Synod of Pittsburgh, -	58	130	12989	9373	810	128	660	412	10237	290	200	206	103	7664	11	8824 00	51937 00			
Synod of the Potomac, 10 Classes,	146	291	30674	19271	1956	311	1667	841	35455	509	3	293	653	260	20204	33	32911 00	120544 00		
Ger. Synod of the East, 6 Classes,	45	41	12153	7195	2243	10	730	722	9369	58	1	391	421	45	8489	7	5667 00	76646 00		
Central Synod, - 4 Classes,	74	115	15735	10452	1185	61	870	513	10200	198	12	303	375	98	9728	22	8893 00	116750 00		
Total, 7 Dist' Synods, 52 Classes,	802	1481	183980	108724	14199	1741	10733	5582	146636	2551	38	2381	4638	1422	122695	186	\$141121 00	\$804321 00		

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the First Reformed Church, Sunbury, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven. The sessions continued from the evening of the nineteenth to the afternoon of the twenty-fifth day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

Synod convened, according to adjournment, in the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, Pa., on Wednesday, October 19, A. D. 1887, at 7.30 P. M. The session was opened with divine service and the sermon was preached by the President of Synod, Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., LL. D., from the text recorded in St. Matthew 4 : 19. "And he said, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT

I.—Classis of East Penna.

Ministers: T. O. Stern, Isaac K. Loos, D.D., J. E. Freeman, Geo. W. Kershner, M. A. Smith.

Elders: John Teel, Charles Wagner, Abraham Landis, George Silvius, John Gemmel.

II. Classis of Lebanon.

Ministers: Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D., George B. Resser, Samuel A. Leinbach, F. W. Kremer, D.D.

Elders: Samuel Klopp,¹ Ephraim B. Shuey.

III. Classis of Philadelphia.

Ministers: John H. Sechler, Henry T. Spangler, J. B. Shumaker, D.D., Silas P. Mauger, D. E. Klopp, D.D.

Elders: Hiram C. Hoover, John W. Bickel, H. M. Housekeeper, I. C. Gerhart,¹ Philip Williard.

IV. Classis of Lancaster.

Ministers: E. V. Gerhart, D.D., D. W. Gerhard, Stephen Sweitzer², John M. Souder.

Elders : George W. Hensel, Jerome Z. Gerhard¹ M. D., Sam L. Dellinger.

V. Classis of East Susquehanna.

Ministers : Rud. Duenger, D.D., George P. Hartzell, Thomas Hacker.

Elders : John K. Haas, Charles C. Leader, A. S. Fisher¹.

VI. Classis of West Susquehanna.

Ministers : S. P. Brown, W. H. H. Snyder, Thomas S. Land.

Elders : C. M. Bower, Esq., J. H. Willis¹, William Moyer.

VII. Classis of Goshenhoppen.

Ministers : S. M. K. Huber¹, Eli Keller, D.D.

Elders : D. B. Mauger, Nathan Zern.

VIII. Classis of Tohickon.

Ministers : S. K. Gross.

Elders : M. D. Althouse, H. C. Cressman, William B. Fluck.

IX. Classis of Lehigh.

Ministers : William M. Reily, Ph.D.

Elders : Wilson K. Peters, James F. Hunsicker, Lewis Hecker.

X. Classis of Schuylkill.

Ministers : W. D. Donat, B. Bausman,¹ D.D., J. W. Steinm Rufus W. Miller.

Elders : Charles W. Reed, John Jacobs¹, James T. Reber¹, B. Marburger.

XI. Classis of Wyoming.

Ministers : John A. Peters, D.D., F. C. Yost, A. Houtz.

Elders : S. L. Klapp¹, W. B. Moyer.

Advisory Members.

Classis of East Pennsylvania, Rev. H. K. Binckley.

Classis of Lebanon, Revs. Thomas M. Yundt, J. C. Bucher, D.

Classis of Lancaster, Revs. J. W. Meminger, John S. Stahr, D., A. C. Whitmer and D. B. Schneder.

Classis of Philadelphia, Revs. George H. Johnston, Charles Fisher.

Classis of East Susquehanna, Revs. W. G. Engle, W. B. Sand G. B. Dechant, A. R. Hottenstein.

Classis of West Susquehanna, Revs. William A. Haas, William M. Landis, J. F. DeLong, T. R. Deitz, L. D. Steckel.

Classis of Lehigh, Rev. Thomas N. Reber.

Classis of Schuylkill, Revs. A. R. Bartholemew and C. S. Gerhard

Classis of Wyoming, Revs. George S. Sorber, J. S. Wagner.

Zion's Classis, Synod of Potomac, Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D.

Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac, Rev. E. R. Deatrick.

Carlisle Classis, Synod of Potomac, Rev. S. L. Meyer.

Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod, Rev. E. D. Miller.

From the Empire of Japan, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring.

Other Churches.

Rev. D. D. Wells, Lutheran Church, Shamokin; Rev. C. Schindel, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mt. Carmel; Rev. G. Paisen, Lutheran Church, Sunbury; Rev. G. A. Koser, Lutheran Church, Northumberland; Rev. A. Brydie, of Presbyterian Church, Sunbury; Rev. A. C. Felker, Lutheran Church, Sunbury; Rev. S. G. Shannon, of the Lutheran Church, Sunbury, Pa.

¹Enrolled Thursday. ²Enrolled Friday. ³Excused after Saturday.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa., was elected President.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller, of Reading, was chosen Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. John P. Stein, of Millersville, is Stated Clerk.

Elder John Meily, of Lebanon, was re-elected Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order were read by the Stated Clerk. The bar of the house was defined to extend to the ninth row of seats, from the chancel.

The session hours adopted were from 9 A. M. to 11.30 A. M., and from 2 P. M. to 4.30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following Standing Committees

1. *On Minutes of General Synod*, - Revs. John A. Peters, D.D. M. Souder, S. P. Brown ; Elders John Gemmel and D. M. Altho

2. *On Minutes of District Synod*.—Revs. W. D. Donat, Will M. Reily, Ph. D., J. E. Freeman ; Elders J. K. Haas and Nat Zern.

3. *Overtures*.—Revs. John H. Sechler, George B Resser, Houtz ; Elders John W. Bickel and George Silvius.

4. *Religious Services*.—Revs. J. Calvin Leinbach, George Hartzell and Elder Charles C. Leader.

5. *On Minutes of Classes*.—Revs. D. W. Gerhard, Thomas Land, S. P. Mauger ; Elders C. M. Bower, and George W. Her

6. *On Examination, Licensure and Ordination*—Revs. B. Bausman, D.D., John H. Sechler, Thomas S. Land ; Elders C. M. Bower and John Jacobs.

7. *On State of the Church*.—Revs. F. W. Kremer, D.D., E. Gerhart, D.D., T. O. Stem ; Elders E. B. Shuey and Ph Williard.

8. *On Theological Seminary*.—Revs. William H. H. Snyder K. Loos, D.D., S. P. Mauger ; Elders H. C. Cressman and Marburger.

9. *On Missions*—Revs. Henry T. Spangler, Eli Keller, D.D. W. Steinmetz ; Elders H. C. Hoover and John Teel.

10. *On Finance*.—Revs. J. E. Hiester, D.D., Thomas J. Hacker J. W. Souder ; Elders D. B. Mauger and Wilson K. Peters.

11. *On Nominations*.—Revs. F. C. Yost, S. A. Leinbach, Rev. Bausman, D.D. ; Elders William Moyer and W. B. Moyer.

12. *On Publication*.—Revs. Eli Keller, D.D., T. J. Hacker B. Shumaker, D.D., J. E. Hiester, D.D., T. O. Stem ; Elders H. Hoover, Charles W. Reed and C. M. Bower.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tobickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Wyoming w

received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on these subjects.

2. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary and the Annual Report of the Board of Education were received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

3. The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod accompanied with the Treasurer's Report was received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance.

4. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Missions, the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

6. Several other communications were received and handed over to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Minutes of the General Synod of Akron for the year 1887, were referred to the Standing Committee on the Minutes of General Synod. The Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted. The report as adopted is as follows :

Your committee on the Minutes of the General Synod would report the following items of business as claiming the attention of this Synod, to wit :

Item 1. Pages 8' and 9. General Synod amends the Rules of Order and enjoins subordinate judicatories to revise their former action on this subject accordingly, to wit :

a) Rule 7, is so modified as to read "A quorum to transact business in any judicatory of the Church shall consist of the number of members prescribed by the constitution."

b) Rule 26, is so amended as to erase "unless by unanimous

consent " and to insert in its place the words " unless by consent of the body. "

c) Rule 37, is erased from the Rules of Order.

d) Rule 65, is amended to read that " a judicatory may make elections by acclamation as do not conflict with any existing law. "

e) Rule 69, is amended by inserting " any member " in the place of " five members. "

Item 2. Pages 23, 38 and 49. The request of this Synod " that the General Synod renew and extend its efforts to establish closer relations with the Reformed Alliance of Germany and other ecclesiastical bodies connected with our Church on the continent of Europe " was complied with by instructing its Corresponding Secretary to communicate to the Reformed Alliance of Germany, at its meeting in the Province of Lippe in August, 1887, the fraternal greetings of the General Synod, and by appointing the Rev. Frederick Forster as a delegate to represent our Church, at the said meeting of the Alliance ; and furthermore by the election of 24 delegates to the Alliance of Reformed Churches to be held in London in 1888.

Item 3. Pages 23, 38, 42 and 47. The request of this Synod " that we take such measures as will bring us into more intimate connection with the other Reformed denominations of this country, " was complied with, by continuing the correspondence with the other Reformed denominations through delegates elected, and particularly by the appointment of a Committee of Conference, to meet a similar committee from the Reformed Church, in America, looking toward an organic union with the said denomination.

Item 4. Pages 23 and 154. The petition of this Synod to set apart a Reformation day, for lifting special offerings in aid of theological education, was complied with by recommending the third Sunday in January, or any other day, the Churches may adopt for that purpose.

Item 5. Pages 23 and 97. The overture of this Synod, in regard to setting apart a Children's Day, to be observed by the whole Church was complied with by naming the second Sunday in June and the second Sunday in September, for that purpose. And by requesting pastors and congregations, through their respective classes, to observe one or the other of these days according to their preference.

Item 6. Page 69. General Synod earnestly commends "the sacred cause of Home Missions to the District Synods and their boards."

Item 7. Page 70. General Synod calls the attention of District Synods, (a) To that part of the constitution requiring District Synods to confine their missionary operations to their own territory, and, (b) requests that the missions now operated by the District Synods beyond their own bounds be transferred as soon as practicable to General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Item 8. Pages 70 and 71. General Synod requests "the District Synods to carry forward their Home Missionary work, in such a manner, as to open the way for the unification of our Home-Missionary operations under the Board of the General Synod at the earliest practicable date."

Item 9. Page 71. General Synod recommends the organization of Women's Missionary Societies by the District Synods.

Item 10. Page 83. General Synod recommends the cause of Foreign Missions, and requests increased contributions to said cause.

Item 11. Pages 89 and 90. General Synod commends the Orphans' Homes of the Church, to the liberality of our people.

Item 12. Page 90. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows of the Reformed Church, is commended to the District Synods with the request that a collection be taken for the use of said Society in the month of September.

Item 13. Page 95. District Synods are requested to take such action, as will enable the General Sunday School Board to issue for the use of the whole church, an Instructor for teachers, Lesson Helps for schools, and Sunday School Papers, in the English and German Languages.

Item 14. Page 149. General Synod declares "the Directory of Worship to be constitutionally adopted as the Directory of Worship in the Reformed Church in the United States."

Item 15. Page 163. General Synod makes the following apportionment on this Synod to wit :

For Contingent Expenses	\$1064.42
For Bohemia Church aid	342.09
For Harbor Missions	836.33
Total	\$2242.84

Item 16. Page 167. General Synod earnestly calls upon District Synods to unite with her in zealous and persistent Christian effort looking toward the speedy extermination of the great evil of intemperance.

Item 17. Page 169. The next triennial sessions of the General Synod will be held in the First Reformed Church of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, May 28, A. D., 1890, at 7.30 P. M.

Item 18. Page 142. General Synod enjoins that all persons, applying for admission into the Church, shall be strictly examined as to moral and spiritual qualifications before they are admitted by the spiritual council, and that their reception be formally accomplished by the pastor, in the presence either of the congregation or the spiritual council. A suitable formula is to be prepared, for the reception of persons to Church membership by re-profession, and that this formula be hereafter uniformly used on such occasions, (See Minutes of General Synod, Page 157).

Item 19. Page 143. General Synod earnestly enjoins pastors and members of the Church, to remember in their public and private prayers, all literary and theological institutions, but especially those of our own communion, imploring the Holy Spirit so to influence their teachers and students, as to promote true knowledge and the cause of Christ in general.

Resolved, That the attention of the several Classes be called to the action contained in the two foregoing resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. PETERS, *Chairman*

For the result of the action of Synod on the Items, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, see Article XIV. Missions; on items 11, 12, 16 see Article XV. Finance. The remaining items were adopted.

DISTRICT SYNOD.

The Minutes of Synod of last year's Annual Sessions held in Vancou-
ver, Philadelphia, were referred to the Standing Committee, on Minutes
of District Synod. The Committee submitted their report, which
was considered item by item and adopted. The report as adopted
reads as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod begs leave to report the following items :

Item 1. Page 29. The Stated Clerk was directed to have the charter of the Theological Seminary printed in the Minutes of Synod.

Item 2. Page 29. Apportionment among the Classes for the increase of Dr. Gast's salary.

Item 3. Page 29. The Stated Clerk was authorized to communicate the action of Synod to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Item 4. Page 29. The Treasurer of the Theological Seminary was requested to pay the above increase.

Item 5. Page 29. Report of Committee on Endowment of Theological Seminary.

Item 6. Page 53. Missionary services ordered to be held at the present meeting of Synod.

Item 7. Page 53. Appropriation to the Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia.

Item 8. Page 70. Commissioners appointed to act conjointly with Commission from other Synods, in reference to the Editorship in-Chief of the *Messenger*.

Item 9. Page 71. The Stated Clerk was authorized to have a certain number of copies of the proceedings of Synod published.

Item 10. Page 72. Synod authorized the division of East Susquehanna Classis.

Item 11. Page 78. Action of Synod in reference to Wichita College.

Item 12. Page 78. The Stated Clerk, directed to give Rev. D. B. Shuey a certificate. That Synod assumed \$5000 toward the support of Wichita College.

Item 13. Page 79. Report of the Committee appointed to secure the balance of Synod's obligation toward Wichita College.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. DONAT, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12 were reported as having been attended to. For the action on item 5, see Article XIII: on Theological Seminary; on item 6, see Article IX. on Religious Services. On

item 7, see Article XIV. on Missions; on item 8, no action taken; on items 11 and 13 see Article XXI. on Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted the following report which was taken up item by item and adopted. The report follows:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to offer the following items:

Item 1. Communication from Rev. Frank Wetzel, President, asking aid for the College of Northern Illinois, together with minutes and resolutions of the college.

Item 2. Report of Rev. D. B. Shuey, President of the Board of Wichita University, together with a printed appeal.

Item 3. A communication from Board of Home Missions, requesting Synod to require its members to attend the sessions of the Board a sufficient time for the transaction of business.

Item 4. Proposition from Daniel Miller, of Reading, touching Reformed Church Publication interests.

Item 5. Communication from Pittsburgh Synod:

a) Action on Publication interests.

b) Action concerning editing Sunday-school papers and Lutheran papers.

c) Action concerning Home Missionary work in response to general Synod's request, and overture to this Synod.

d) Action nominating P. S. Hay for vacancy in Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Item 6. Communication from Potomac Synod:

a) Action on Publication interests.

b) Nominations:

[1] For Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary, Revs. J. H. Bach, Bowman and Santee.

[2] For Board of Trustees of Seminary, names omitted.

c) Action concerning Sunday-school literature.

Item 7. Communication from Central Synod regarding Foreign Missions.

Item 8. Copy of "Origin of Reformed Church in Germany," by Rev. James I. Good, D.D., presented by Daniel Miller.

Item 9 Catalogue of Ursinus College.

Item 10. Withdrawal of proposition by Rev. C. G. Fisher.

Item 11. Report of Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. SECHLER, *Chairman.*

For the action on items 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, see Article XXI.; on Miscellaneous Subjects, on items 3, 5, sub-item *c*, and 7, see Article XIV.; on Missions, on items 4, 5, sub-items *a* and *b*, 6, sub-items *a* and *b*, and item 10, see Article XIX. on Publication; on sub-item *d* in item 5, and 1st and 2d sub-items in item 6, see Article XIII. on Theological Seminary.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of Synod were opened and closed with religious services. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported from time to time the Order of Services, designating the persons who were to fill the appointments. The report was finally adopted:

Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to report as follows:

Thursday—7.30 P.M. Sermon by Rev. George H. Johnston. Altar service, Revs. Dr. J. A. Peters and J. W. Steinmetz.

Friday—7.30 P.M. Preparatory Service with Confirmation. Sermon by Rev. W. H. H. Snyder. Altar service, Revs. T. S. Land and R. W. Miller.

Saturday—7.30 P.M. Discussion of Sunday-school and Practical Church-work topics. Altar service, Revs. J. E. Freeman and Dr. I. K. Loos. Speakers, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, *et al.*

Sunday—10.30 A.M. Sacrament of the Altar. Sermon by Rev. Dr. B. Bausman. Altar service, Revs. S. A. Leinbach and C. S. Gerhard.

Sunday—3.00 P.M. Sunday-school Service. Addresses, Revs. R. W. Miller, C. S. Gerhard, A. D. Gring and Elder William Moyer.

Sunday—7.30 P.M. Home Missionary Service. Addresses, D. H. Leader *et al.*

Monday—7.30 P.M. Foreign Missionary Services. Address, Revs. John H. Sechler, A. D. Gring and D. B. Schneder.

Presbyterian Church, Sunbury, Pa.—Sunday, 10.30 A.M., W. H. H. Snyder; 7.00 P.M., Rev. Dr. John A. Peters.

Lutheran Church—Sunday, 10.30 A.M., Rev. George W. Kremer; 7.00 P.M., Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

Methodist Church—Sunday, 10.30 A.M., Rev. Dr. F. W. Kremer; 7.00 P.M., Rev. J. H. Sechler.

Baptist Church—Sunday, 10.30 A.M., Rev. Dr. E. V. Germer; 7.00 P.M., Rev. Dr. F. W. Kremer.

Lutheran Church, Northumberland—Sunday, 10.30 A.M., A. Houtz; 7.00 P.M., Rev. J. M. Souder.

Sunbury Penitentiary—Sunday, 3.30 P.M., Rev. Dr. Wm. R. R.

Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa.—Sunday, 10.30 A.M., Rev. Dr. I. K. Loos.

Respectfully submitted.

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, *Chairman*

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Friday afternoon, which was disposed of item by item and finally adopted. The report reads as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod begs leave to offer the following items for consideration:

I. Irregularities.

1. East Susquehanna Classis reports minutes ante-dating meeting of Synod of 1886.

2. West Susquehanna Classis fails to append a schedule of its minutes to its minutes.

3. West Susquehanna Classis fails to give the day and month of the installation of Rev. L. D. Steckel at Mifflinburg, Pa., p. 24.

4. The schedule attached to minutes of Lehigh Classis is not complete. The ordination of John M. Kessler is not given.

5. Schuylkill Classis fails to give the opening and the closing of its daily sessions.

6. Schuylkill Classis fails to give the Report of the Committee of the ordination of Licentiate Rufus W. Miller, p. 13.

7. Schuylkill Classis fails to give the County for the next annual meeting, p. 40.

8. Wyoming Classis fails to attach the seal to its minutes.

II. Requests, References, &c.

1. East Susquehanna Classis reiterates its request to have the privilege of using \$400 of its apportionment of Home Missions for missions in its own bounds, p. 12.

2. West Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to provide in the buildings about to be erected in connection with our Institution at Lancaster, Pa., a safe or vault for the deposit and safe-preservation of the official records and other papers of the Classes and Synods of the Church, p. 31.

III. Appeals and Complaints.

1. Rev. G. B. Dechant gives notice that he will complain or appeal to Synod from the decision of East Susquehanna Classis in refusing to dismiss him to Wyoming Classis, p. 101.

IV. Subjects Referred to Classes.

All the Classes took favorable action in matters referred to them by Synod with the following exception:

1. Lebanon Classis respectfully declines to accept Synod's assessment for repairing Seminary property at Lancaster, Pa. p. 19.

V. Licensure, Ordination, Reception, Dismission.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis licensed Samuel H. Phillips; ordained George B. Smith, Wilson F. More and John O. Lindaman; received Rev. C. W. Levan from Philadelphia Classis; erased the name of Rev. C. A. Rittenhouse from the roll.

2. Lebanon Classis received Licentiate James B. May from Philadelphia Classis, Licentiate Oscar P. Steckel from Lancaster Classis, Rev. Aaron H. Leiss from Zion's Classis, Synod of the North-West; dismissed Rev. M. H. Mishler to Classis of Schuylkill.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed James B. May, John A. M. Silas L. Messinger; ordained J. W. Meminger; received J. B. Shumaker, D.D., from Lancaster Classis, and Rev. S. Bridenbaugh from East Susquehanna Classis; dismissed Rev. C. Hendrickson to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North, Rev. O. Johnson to Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and J. W. Meminger and Rev. S. F. Laury to Lancaster Classis. Rev. D. W. Ebbert to Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio, Licentiate John Van Haagen, D.D., to Sheboygan Classis, Synod of the Northwest, Licentiate J. B. May to Lebanon Classis, Licentiate S. L. Messinger to Carlisle Classis, Synod of Potomac.

4. Lancaster Classis licensed Robert O'Boyle, Richard F. Oscar P. Steckel, Richard Franz, Conrad Schiedt, Max O. Puhl; received Rev. A. Carl Whitmer from West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. James W. Meminger and Rev. Silas F. Laury from Philadelphia Classis; dismissed Rev. W. H. H. Snyder to West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. A. S. Stauffer to East Susquehanna Classis, Licentiate R. O'Boyle to Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, R. F. Gass to Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, Oscar P. Stauffer to Lebanon Classis, and Max O. A. Puhl to German Philadelphia Classis, Synod of the East.

5. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. J. S. Wagner from Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, Rev. A. S. Stauffer from Lancaster Classis, Rev. T. Derr from Wyoming Classis; dismissed Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh to Philadelphia Classis, and dismissed following for the purpose of organizing the Classis of Wyoming. Revs. A. Hautz, T. Derr, F. K. Levan, S. C. Meckel, S. Si Kohler, A. M. Masonheimer, C. H. Mutchler, J. H. Hunsberger, F. C. Yost, J. A. Peters, D.D., D. E. Schoedler, George S. So L. C. Edmonds and J. S. Wagner; dismissed Rev. J. B. Kers to Wyoming Classis.

6. West Susquehanna Classis received Rev. W. H. H. Snyder from Lancaster Classis; dismissed Rev. A. Carl Whitmer to Lancaster Classis.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis dismissed Licentiate James S. Freed to Allegheny Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh.

8. Tohickon Classis ordained Licentiate M. H. Mill; received Licentiate H. A. Bomberger from Philadelphia Classis.

9. Lehigh Classis licensed Oliver P. Schelhammer; received Rev. Henry D. Kurtz from the Worcester Central Association of the Congregational Church; dismissed Rev. John M. Kessler to St. Joseph's Classis, Synod of Ohio, Licentiate Oliver P. Schelhammer to Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

10. Schuylkill Classis ordained Licentiate Rufus W. Miller; received Rev. M. H. Mishler from Lebanon Classis; dismissed Rev. P. Y. Shelly to the South Florida Presbytery.

11. Wyoming Classis dismissed Rev. T. Derr to East Susquehanna Classis.

VI. Miscellaneous.

1. Zwingli Congregation of Harrisburg, Pa., dismissed by Lancaster Classis to the German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of the East. P. 5.

2. East Susquehanna Classis was divided into two parts as follows: East Susquehanna Classis to consist of all that part of the present classical territory in Northumberland and Columbia Counties lying south and east of the North Branch, including the whole of the Numidia Charge, together with the classical territory already embraced in Schuylkill and Dauphin Counties, including the following charges: Catawissa, Numidia, Ringtown, Ashland, Shamokin, Sunbury, Mahanoy, Line Mount, Deep Creek, Uniontown, Millersburg and Berrysburg. The new Classis of Wyoming consists of the remainder of the old classical territory not mentioned in the above, including the following charges: Danville, Bloomsburg, Orangeville, Milton, Paradise, Mt. Zion, Plymouth, Wilkesbarre, Freeland, Overton, Weatherly, Conyngham, Wapwallopen and Christ Church, New York. P. 55.

3. Wyoming Classis was organized in St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa., June 29, A. D. 1887, at 10 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. Houtz, by appointment of East Susquehanna Classis, was in the chair. P. 2.

VII. Time and Place of Meeting.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in Christ Reformed Church, Bath, Northampton County, Pa., Friday, May 25th, 1888, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. President, Rev. J. E. Freeman; Stated Clerk, Rev. T. O. Stem.

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in Christ Reformed Church, Pleasantville, Lebanon County, Pa., on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, 1888, at 7.30 o'clock P.M. Rev. Henry J. Welker, President; Rev. J. E. Hiester, Stated Clerk.

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Pleasantville, Bucks County, Pa., on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, May 24, 1888, at 8 o'clock P.M. Rev. E. D. Weimer, President; Rev. J. H. Sechler, Stated Clerk.

4. Lancaster Classis will meet in the Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pa., on the first Thursday evening after Whitsunday, May 24, 1888, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. John H. Stein, President; Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, Stated Clerk.

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in Simon's Union Church, Gratztown, Dauphin County, Pa., on Wednesday evening after Whitsunday, May 23, A.D. 1888, at 8 o'clock P.M. Rev. R. L. Hager, D.D., President; Rev. J. C. Leinbach, Stated Clerk.

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Boalsburg, Centre County, Pa., on the third Wednesday of May, 1888, at 7.30 o'clock P.M. Rev. Z. A. Yearick, President; Rev. W. A. Haas, Stated Clerk.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in Keeler's Reformed Church, Montgomery County, Pa., on Friday before Ascension Day, at 2 o'clock P.M. Rev. L. K. Evans, President; Rev. L. J. Mendenhall, Stated Clerk.

8. Tohickon Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Lansdale, Montgomery County, Pa., Friday after Ascension Day, May 11, 1888, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. S. K. Gross, President; Rev. Z. Snyder, Stated Clerk.

9. Lehigh Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Albion, Lehigh County, Pa., on the second Tuesday in June, A.D. 1888, at 10 o'clock A.M. Rev. E. J. Fogel, President; Rev. N. S. Scharf, D.D., Stated Clerk.

10. Schuylkill Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., on first Monday after Trinity Sunday, May 28, 1888, at 7.45 P.M. Rev. I. E. Graeff, D.D., President, and Rev. J. A. Reber, Stated Clerk.

11. Wyoming Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pa., May 31st, 1888, at 7.45 o'clock P.M.

P.M. Rev. F. K. Levan, President, and Rev. S. Sidney Kohler,
Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GERHARD, *Chairman.*

I. The several items reported as Irregularities were adopted. II. Requests and References. The 1st and 2d items were adopted and the latter was referred to the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College. III. Appeals and Complaints—On 1st item see Article XVII. on Complaint. IV. Subjects Referred—1st item was adopted, and Lebanon Classis was requested to re-consider its action in refusing to assume the apportionment made upon it for repairing the property of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. V. Examination, Licensure and Ordination—All the items under this head were adopted. VI. Miscellaneous—All the items under this head were adopted. VII. Time and Place of Meeting—All the items were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would respectfully report that no application for Examination has been received, and that no other business was referred to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

B. BAUSMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The following Report on the State of the Church was received and adopted. It reads as follows :

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Dear Brethren in the Lord: Through the wisdom and grace of God, our beloved Synod is again convened in annual session. Again we are called upon to exclaim, as did God's ancient Israel: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

In carefully scanning God's doings, as traced in the Minutes of the different Classes, we are gratefully impressed with His wonder

ful goodness and mercy. The ranks of our ministry have been sparingly invaded. The health of our congregations has never been better. Yet shepherds and people have fallen. To those who have fallen, God speaks in loud and solemn tones of living.

The year just closed was one of much and earnest toil. Our servants preached faithfully His everlasting and unchanging Gospel,—the only agency that can prove the power of God unto salvation. As God's shepherds, they have fed with conscientiousness and diligence both the lambs and the sheep. The children of the covenant have received its sign and seal, that thus "planted in the house of the Lord, they might flourish in the courts of our God." Careful Christian nurture in the family and in the Sunday-school is being earnestly and constantly enjoined. The Sunday-school, the nursery of the church, is being more heartily appreciated. The rolls on, and as this blessed institution is becoming more and more and better adapted to meet the great purpose it is designed to serve.

Pastoral catechization has been prosecuted with undiminished zeal and confidence, and large numbers of our baptized youth, as well as many others, were gathered into the fold of Christ. Our pastors generally speak of a large attendance on the regular services of grace, and of precious results from the preaching of the Word. Pastoral work, visiting from house to house, has been largely blessed of God for good. The Holy Communion is being more and more appreciated as the people increase in Christian knowledge and piety, and hence our communion seasons are looked forward to with increasing interest, and partaken of with greater appreciation of spiritual benefit. They are, indeed, spiritual oases in this wilderness.

The growing life and activity of the Church are apparent in the division of large charges, the organization of new congregations, the erection of churches, as also in the renovating and improvement of churches. We see also the expansion and development of church life in the multiplication of missionary and other benevolent associations and a constantly growing zeal on behalf of the kingdom both in the home and foreign field. This interest in the foreign field is greatly stimulated by the evident and, we must

wonderful success of our missionaries in Japan. Truly "the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." Well may the Church feel encouraged not only to continue the work so auspiciously begun in that interesting country, but to greatly enlarge and strengthen it by sending out additional missionaries and furnishing more ample facilities to carry it forward with ever-growing success.

In our church work, and as an especially beautiful expression of the loving spirit of Christianity, we refer with peculiar pleasure to what the Church is doing for Christ's orphans,—His destitute and helpless lambs. In our Orphan Home the lambs are fed in a double sense, in the care bestowed upon both body and soul. May the Father of the fatherless continue to bless the home of the orphans!

There is manifest a growing consciousness in the Church of the evils and curse of intemperance and this Synod has done well in making the action of the General Synod on this question its own.

We note with pleasure the growing prosperity of our literary and theological institutions, under the conviction that sanctified education is an efficient handmaid to the progress of Christianity.

But in walking about Zion we behold not only her bulwarks and pleasant palaces, but also her dark spots and desolations. Or, viewing the Church as the garden of the Lord, we are not only charmed with her beautiful trees, plants and flowers, but are saddened also by her noxious weeds and unfruitful trees. The Church is still in the wilderness; she is not yet perfect, "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing." Not all who are outwardly with us are really of us. As in the time of Paul, "many run who are the enemies of the cross of Christ." And outside the Church, sin in all its forms abounds to a shocking extent. And, to encourage this state of things and greatly hinder the work of God, Satan and his emissaries are specially active in scattering the seeds of error. Materialism, rationalism and all forms of scepticism and infidelity abound to an alarming degree. Even in the sacred domain of God's kingdom there are found here and there men who, under the garb of Christianity, abuse their talents and position and seek to inoculate the Church with dangerous error. In these perilous times, therefore, the Church should specially arouse herself to a sense of her duty, and, as the bearer and defender of God's truth, should man-

fully resent error and earnestly "contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." In this work our beloved Reformed Church has, by the adoption of her peace compact, taken a truly historic position—one that honors her history and martyr faith. She stands anew, and with united voice, sworn fealty to her immortal system of faith in its original, historical sense. On this Reformation day we stand as a Church, and standing on this firm foundation, we defy the hosts of darkness, who, with Satanic wickedness, are using all their power and subtlety to undermine and destroy the fabric of our holy Christianity.

This year marks an important epoch in the history of our church in that the General Synod, its highest judicatory, declared "Directory of Worship" the liturgy of the Reformed Church of the United States. Whilst it provides for such as may prefer the altar service for the regular Lord's Day, it also makes room for such as may prefer a service of another form. Both can be maintained with the full authority of the Synod, and remain faithful to its requirements. In this way the freedom characteristic of the Reformed Church is preserved, which was a prominent object in the Reformation movement.

Let this Synod, then, to-day raise its Ebenezer of praise to God for this grand achievement, and invoke anew His blessing upon the work accomplished, so that perfect peace and harmony may be secured and maintained throughout our borders.

From the records placed in our hands, we find that three of our fellow-laborers in the ministry have fallen during the year. They were called to their reward. Rev. Henry Keller, Rev. William Gerhard and Rev. Thomas S. Johnston are with us no more. Their personal fellowship on earth has ceased. We miss them in our church councils and work. Let us be admonished that our lives, like theirs, will also ere long close in the night of death. And in view of that solemn event in view, and impressed with our grave responsibilities as ministers and elders, may we, by the grace of God, go forward with ever-growing zeal and fidelity, and so accomplish our sacred mission and "finish our course with joy."

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. KREMER, *Chairman*

[For Statistical Report, see Appendix.]

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

*I. Reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors.**(a) Report of Board of Trustees.*

To the Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States.

Dear Brethren: I enclose the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and beg leave to say:

That the Board of Trustees convened on May 13, 1887, in Lancaster, at 10 o'clock A.M., in the pastor's study of the First Reformed Church. The following members were present, viz.: D. W. Gross, President; George W. Hensel, Vice-President; J. B. Roth, Treasurer; George Z. Kunkel, Secretary; Charles W. Santee, George G. Heilman, Israel Laucks, A. G. Reninger, John D. Skiles, and Isaac H. Keefer.

All the officers of the Board were re-elected for the ensuing year, and the Executive Committee re-appointed, viz.: D. W. Gross, G. W. Hensel, George Z. Kunkel, J. B. Roth, and J. D. Skiles; also the Committee on Grounds and Enclosures, viz.: J. B. Roth, and J. D. Skiles.

The death of Thomas J. Craig, a member of the Board, was reported.

The Board of Trustees held a meeting on the 23d September, 1887, in the pastor's room of Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., at 2 o'clock P.M.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Report; the same was audited, found correct, and balance in hands of \$765.20.

The following preamble and resolution was then offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, Action was taken by the Board of Visitors of the Seminary requesting all the Synods to make provision for the employment of a Teacher of Elocution in the Seminary; therefore,

Resolved, that we earnestly unite with them in their request for action in this important matter.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. Z. KUNKEL, *Sect'y B. T. Theo. Seminary,*

Harrisburg, Oct 11, 1887.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary
of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1886.		DR.	
Oct.	1.	For amt. balance due Theo. Sem'y .	\$789 64
"	1.	For Interest from S. M. Keen, to Oct. 1, 1886 . . .	75 00
"	2.	" W. H. Rinier, to Oct. 1, '86	30 00
"	2.	" Thos. G. Apple to Ju- ly 4, '86	12 00
"	6.	" S. J. Johnston to Oct. 1, '86	30 00
"	9.	" Kieffer legacy, Treas. of Synod	112 50
"	9.	" Cooke legacy, Treas. of Synod	60 00
"	11.	" W. Groff to Oct. 1, '86	30 00
"	18.	" E. S. Stehman to Feb. 3, '87	30 00
"	28.	" P. M. Ermantrout on account	100 00
Nov.	1.	" Geo. Sarbaugh to Oct. 1, '86	90 00
"	1.	" Geo. B. Ashford, "Kansas" mortgage to Nov. 1, '86 . .	10 50
"	1.	" E. M. Killough to Nov. 1, '86	75 00
"	5.	" W. Lysinger to Nov. 15, '86	30 00
"	30.	" W. Strom, Kansas mort. to Dec. 1, '86	87 50
Dec.	1.	" R. A. Richardson, Kansas mort. to Dec. 1, '86	29 75
"	6.	" L. P. & C. Titus to Oct. 1, '86	9 00

Dec.	7.	For Interest	Lehigh Valley R.R.	
			bonds to Dec. 1, '86	150 00
"	8.	"	Mercersb'g Classis to	
			Jan. 1, '87 . . .	40 50
"	31.	"	Isaac Fink, Kansas	
			mort. to Jan. 1, '87	8 75
1887.				
Jan.	3.	"	I. N. Brubaker to	
			April 1, '87 . . .	90 00
"	19.	"	G. M. Zahm to May	
			12, '86	18 00
"	19.	"	Allemania F. Ins. Co.	
			to Jan. 1, '87 . . .	40 00
"	31.	"	T. Routh, Kansas, to	
			Dec. 19, '86 . . .	42 53
Feb.	7.	"	P. M. ErmantROUT on	
			acct.	350 00
"	7.	"	Geo. W. Schroyer, to	
			Feb. 8, '87	105 00
"	7.	"	Thos. W. Coen, to	
			Jan. '87	21 00
"	28.	"	John Becker to Feb.	
			28, '87	240 00
Mch.	8.	"	Schuylkill Classis in	
			full	7 62
"	23.	"	Jacob Heyser on acct.	100 00
"	30.	"	E. G. Smith to April,	
			1, '87.	19 33
Apl.	1.	"	W. H. Rinier to Apl.	
			1, '87	30 00
"	1.	"	S. M. Keen to Apl.	
			1 '87	75 00
"	1.	"	F. Schaum to Apl. 1,	
			'87	30 00
"	1.	"	S. J. Johnson to April	
			1, '87	30 00
"	1.	"	Adam Keen to Apl. 1,	
			'87	30 00

Apl. 4.	For Interest Jacob Sarbaugh to Apl.	
	1, '87	90 00
" 7.	" L. P. & C. Titus to	
	Apl. 1, '87	9 00
" 11.	" W. Groff to Apl. 1, '87	30 00
" 18.	" St. Stephen's Chapel	
	to Oct. 29, '86	42 00
" 25.	" Jacob Heyser on acc.	50 00
" 25.	" Job Robinson to Apl.	
	25, '87.	36 00
" 30.	" E. M. Killough to	
	Apl. 30, '87	75 00
May 2.	" Zion's Classis to May 1,	
	'87	23 22
Apl. 28.	" John Kepner on acc.	36 00
May 3.	" Geo. B. Ashford to	
	May 1, '87	10 50
" 3.	" W. Lysinger to May	
	15, '87	30 00
" 5.	" Cook legacy, Treas. of	
	Synod	60 00
" 5.	" Kieffer legacy, Treas.	
	of Synod	237 50
" 6.	" J. B. Roth to Apl. 1,	
	'87	180 00
" 16.	" Susq. Classis on acc. .	4 24
" 17.	" A. B. Wingerd mort. to	
	May 1, '87	386 88
" 27.	" Juniata Classis to Ju-	
	ly 1, '87	21 00
" 30.	" L. Strom to June 1, '87	87 50
" 30.	" R. A. Richardson to	
	June 1, '87	29 75
June 6.	" Lehigh Valley R. R.	
	bonds June 1, '87 .	150 00
" 7.	" G. M. Zahn to May 12,	
	'87	18 00
" 28.	" Thos. Routh to June	
	19, '87	42 00

June 30.	For Interest	Isaac Fink to July 1,	
		'87	8 75
July 11.	"	Harrisburg Bridge Co.	6 60
" 13.	"	E. G. Smith in full . .	6 85
" 18.	"	East Susq. Classis to	
		July 1, '87	82 50
" 18.	"	Coen mortgage to July	
		9, '87	21 00
" 19.	"	W. Austin Cessna to	
		May 15, '87 . . .	60 00
" 26.	"	Tobias Royer to Aug.	
		1, '87	12 00
Aug. 1.	"	Home bonds to Apl. 1,	
		'87	10 00
" 10.	"	George W. Schroyer to	
		Aug. 8, '87 . . .	105 00
" 27.	"	John A. Charles, Sept.	
		1, '87	40 00
" 27.	"	John Becker to Aug.	
		28, '87	240 00
Sept. 5.	"	Jacob Heyser on acc. .	75 00
" 13.	"	Mrs. A. M. Eyerman,	
		to June 13, '88 . .	50 00
" 14.	"	Adam Keen to Oct. 1,	
		'87, ...	30 00
Aid Fund of Theol. Sem. from Oct. 1, '86 to			
date transferred .			853 88

\$6278 84

1886	Cr.		
Nov. 2.	By amount	paid Thos G. Apple, D.D.,	
		on salary	200 00
" 12.	" "	E. V. Gerhart, D.D.,	
		on salary	200 00
" 12.	" "	F. A. Gast, D.D., on	
		salary	200 00
" 12.	" "	Receipt book	75
Dec. 6.	" "	Thomas G. Apple sal-	
		ary to Jan. 1, '87 .	175 00

Dec. 6.	By Amount paid E. V. Gerhart, salary to Jan 1, '87 . . .	175 00
" 6.	" " F. A. Gast salary to Jan. 1, '87 . . .	175 00
" 16.	" " J. B. Roth, Treasurer, to Jan. 1, '87 . . .	50 00
1887.		
Jan. 7.	" " Henry Leonard bill .	5 00
" 12.	" " Stoner, Shreiner & Co. bill	1 33
" 25.	" " W. Woehlsen's bill at Gerhart's	50 08
" 29.	" " E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary on acct. . .	200 00
Feb. 7.	" " Thos. G. Apple salary on acct.	200 00
" 7.	" " F. A. Gast salary on acct.	200 00
Mch. 3.	" " J. B. Roth, Jr., on acct.	50 00
" 3.	" " E. V. Gerhart, D.D., to Ap'l 1, '87 . . .	175 00
"	" " Thos. G. Apple, D.D., to Ap'l 1, '87 . . .	175 00
"	" " F. A. Gast, D.D., to Ap'l 1, '87 . . .	175 00
Ap'l 1.	" " B. R. Buckius bill .	4 95
" 1.	" " E. Bookmyer bill . .	7 80
" 11.	" " Warfel & Geist's bill .	37 15
May 4.	" " Cleaning water closets at Dr. Apple's . .	15 00
" 6.	" " Jacob Bausman, Treas. F. and M. College .	100 00
" 16.	" " Thos. G. Apple, D.D., salary acct. . . .	200 00
" 16.	" " E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary acct. . . .	200 00
" 16.	" " F. A. Gast, D.D., salary acct.	200 00

June 10.	By Amount paid Hager Bros. bill at Dr.	Gerhart's	85 07
" 10.	" " Hager Bros. bill at Dr.	Apple's	101 92
" 2.	" " E. V. Gerhart salary to July 1, '87 .		175 00
" 2.	" " Thos. G. Apple salary to July 1, '87 . . .		175 00
" 2.	" " F. A. Gast salary to July 1, '87		175 00
" 28.	" " McKinstry's bill . .		3 00
July 8.	" " E. V. Gerhart salary acct.		200 00
" 14.	" " Thomas G. Apple salary acct.		200 00
" 14.	" " F. A. Gast salary acc.		200 00
Aug. 25.	" " Geo. M. Steinman's bill stoves		25 65
" 25.	" " B. B. Harlin's bill of coal		56 00
Sep. 8.	" " J. Bausman, Treas. F. and M. College . .		100 00
" 14.	" " E. V. Gerhart salary to Oct. 1, '87 . . .		175 00
" 14.	" " Thos. G. Apple salary to Oct. 1, '87 . . .		175 00
" 14.	" " F. A. Gast salary to Oct. 1, '87		175 00
" 19,	" " J. B. Roth, Treasurer, Oct. 1, '87		100 00
" 19.	" " Pontz's bill painting at Dr. Gerhart's . .		45 00
" 19.	" " Pontz's bill painting at Dr. Apple's . . .		45 00
" 19.	" " A C. Kepler's bill of pump		5 75
" 19.	" " P. O., Stamps, Envelopes, &c., ...		5 00

Sep. 20.	By Amount paid Library Fund to Oct.	
	1, '87.	79 19
" 30.	" " Klopp legacy to Oct.	
	1, '87.	40 00
" 20.	Amt. bal. due Theol. Sem. . . .	765 20
		\$6278 84

1887.

Sep. 20.	To bal. due Theol. Seminary to date .	\$765 20
	with sundry Seminary repairs in process	
	amounting to about \$350 unpaid.	

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer*.

STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENT FUND.

1887.

Sep. 20.	Amt. as reported Oct. 1, 1886 . .	\$67,724 76
May 16.	Received of D. B. Mauger, Treas.	
	of Goshenhoppen	
	Classis	50 00
"	" Charles Santee, Esq., . .	1000 00
June 13.	" Mrs. Anna M. Eyerman .	1000 00
		\$69,774 76

Feb. 9.	Less six shares of Reading R.R.	
	stock at par value	
	\$50 per share as	
	charged up to Treas.,	
	delivered to Rev.	
	Charles G. Fisher,	
	Treas. of Beneficiary	
	Board of Education.	300 00

Total of Fund, Sept. 20, 1887	\$69,474 76
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JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer*.*Lancaster, September 20, 1887.*

The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared vouchers, find the same correct.

GEO. Z. KUNKEL,
ISAAC H. KEEFER.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer of Theological Seminary, in account with*
1887. LIBRARY FUND.

Sept. 20. Amount of Library Fund principal is \$2069 96

1886. TREAS. DR.

Oct. 9. To interest from Hon. John Miley to
April 1, 1884 \$60 00

Sept. 20. To interest from Endowment Fund
account to Oct. 1, 1887 79 19
————— \$139 19

1886. CR.

Oct. 1. By balance due Treasurer \$25 19

Nov. 12. By amt. paid Zahm & Co.'s bill . . . 12 40

1887.

Feb'y 5. By Roy's bill, binding books 5 60

" 19. By Rev. Dr. F. A. Gast's bill 8 25

Apr. 20. By I. M. Stoddart & Co.'s bill 6 00

May 20. By F. W. Christern's bill 2 80

June 2. By Zahm & Co.'s bill 20 35

July 13. By F. W. Essick's bill 2 25 82 84

Balance due Library Fund \$56 35

September 20, 1887.

1887. BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

Sept. 20. Amount of Fund is \$12,883 05

Interest on same accounted for in current
expense account of Theological Seminary.

PITTSBURGH PROF. FUND.

1887.

Sept. 20. Amount of Fund is \$1718.30

Interest on same accounted for in current ex-
pense account of Theological Seminary.

SMALTZ FUND ACCOUNT.

Principal is \$5000 00

1886.

Oct. 25. By amt. paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas. \$137 50

1887.

Apr. 11. " " " " " 137 50

————— \$275 00

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer of Theological Seminary in account with*
AID FUND.

1886.		Dr.		
Oct. 1.	For cash rec'd from Lebanon Classis .	\$50	00	
Oct. 9.	" " " " Tohickon " .	51	00	
Oct. 21.	" " " " Goshenhoppen " .	30	00	
Dec. 17.	" " " " E. Susquehanna Cl.	27	00	
1887.				
Jan. 5.	" " " " Lebanon Classis .	7	00	
Jan. 18.	" " H. Wirt, Treas. Potomac Synod	300	00	
Mar. 17.	" " Lebanon Classis.	2	00	
April 7.	" " Rev. W. J. Kershner, Lebanon Classis	5	00	
Apr. 21.	" " East Susquehanna Classis, per George Hill, Treas.	14	33	
Apr. 25.	" " Goshenhoppen Classis, per D. B. Mauger, Treas.	21	00	
Apr. 27.	" " Westmoreland Classis, per H. S. Garner, Treas.	50	00	
Apr. 29.	" " Rev. Pennebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis	35	00	
May 13.	" " East Susquehanna Classis, per George Hill, Treas.	12	67	
May 16.	" " West Susquehanna Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. . .	34	88	
May 26.	" " Friends of Theol. Sem. in Phila. Classis per Rev. C. G. Fisher	25	00	
June 2.	" " Treas. of Lebanon Classis, from Rev. Stambaugh	1	00	
June 2.	" " Treas. of Lebanon Classis, from Rev. Fritch	5	00	
June 14.	" " Church of the Ascension, Norristown	15	00	
Aug. 16.	" " Sulphur Spring Charge, per Rev. Geo. E. Addams	5	00	
Aug. 22.	" " I. G. Gerhart, Treas. Tohickon Classis, for Dr. Gast's sal. incr.	42	00	
Sept. 6.	" " Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. of East			

Susquehanna, Pa., Classis,

synodical assessm't as follows:

Seminary repairs . . 65 00

Dr. Gast's salary incr. 56 00

———— 121 00

———— \$853 88

1887.

CR.

Sept. 20. By amt. credited in Endowment Fund acc't . . \$853 88

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

Lancaster, Sept. 20, 1887.

B.) REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Reverend Synod of the United States.

Dear Brethren: During the year, commencing with the 1st of September, 1886, and ending with the 12th of May last, there were thirty-one students in connection with the Seminary:

Six in the Senior Class, consisting of Richard T. Gass, Robert O'Boyle, Max Puhl, Lewis Robb (absent), Richard C. Schiedt and Oscar P. Steckel.

Seven in the Middle Class: I. Stewart Hartman, Stewart U. Mitman, John F. Moyer, Aaron Noll, S. Charles Stover, Charles B. Schneder and Earnest Wagner.

Eighteen in the Junior Class: William T. Aumann, John T. Ballet, Lloyd E. Coblenz, George C. Erb, I. Amandus Herbst, A. Marion Kifer, Stanley L. Krebs, Russell N. Koplín, Franklin E. Lauffer, George J. Lieberger, I. Harvey Mickley, Charles A. Santee, Oliver F. Schaeffer, Ambrose M. Schmidt, Lefellen E. Stafflet, James B. Stonesifer, George B. Walbert and Charles B. Weaver.

Of the new students admitted to the Junior Class, thirteen were graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, whilst the rest were graduates or students of other literary institutions of a higher or lower grade. This is the largest class that has as yet been admitted into the Seminary at any time, and as it regards qualifications for theological study as well as Christian spirit, probably not inferior to any of its predecessors.

As usual, some of the students found it to be necessary to be absent from the Seminary during a part of their time on account of the want of funds. This is an evil that ought to be abated, and

the different Boards of Education ought to provide the young men under their care with the necessary means to enable them to pursue their studies throughout their course without interruption.

The Senior Class, with the exception of Mr. Robb (absent), having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board, were regularly dismissed from the Seminary, and awarded the usual Testimonial at the anniversary in May last. Mr. Puhl, who had pursued only a partial course of study, was awarded a Testimonial testifying to this fact.

Request.—At the beginning of the Seminary year an arrangement was made by a committee of this Board with a similar committee of Franklin and Marshall College, by which the college and theological students were supplied during the year with instructions in elocution by a competent instructor. As this arrangement was highly satisfactory and attended with good results, the Board think it ought to be continued during the coming year. The funds needed to pay the teacher for his services last year were nearly all raised by private efforts; but as this probably cannot be done in the future, the Board hereby asks the Synod of the United States to pay \$100, the Synod of Pittsburgh \$75, and the Synod of the Potomac \$75, for this purpose during the current year.

It is gratifying for us here to report that, under the blessing of God, the Seminary, the hope of the future of the Church, has enjoyed another year of prosperity, and that its prospects for the coming year are more than usually encouraging. It is eminently worthy of a larger endowment, and it needs an increase in its teaching force, which, it is hoped, it will receive through the efforts now being made for that purpose. Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 18, 1887.

C.) REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with CHARLES G. FISHER, Treasurer.

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By balance in hand Oct. 1, 1886	\$253 07
By cash per I. G. Gerhart, Treas. Tohickon Classis	357 22
“ “ Rev. T. O. Stem, Treasurer of East	
Pennsylvania Classis	320 00

By cash per Treas. of Ref. Ch. Pub Bd. interest	222 84
" " Whitmarsh Congregation	23 00
" " J. B. Roth, Treas. Theol. Seminary, interest Smaltz Fund	275 00
" " J. B. Roth, Treas. Theol. Seminary, Klopp legacy interest	40 00
" " J. B. Roth, Treas. Theol. Seminary, Gerhart legacy interest	6 00
" " two dividends, Harrisburg Nat. Bank	22 50
" " from Rev. P. M. Trexler, pay't on loan	40 00
" " proceeds of sale of six shares of P. & R. Rd. stock, less comm. .98 . .	110 62
" " Amount of bequest of A. R. Uhler (dec'd), less col. int. tax, \$25 . .	475 00
" " Amt. of bequest of J. Lerch (dec'd), less col. int. tax, \$125	2375 00
	\$4520 25

DR.

To cash paid beneficiaries of Tohickon Classis .	\$357 22
" " " " E. Penna. Classis .	320 00
" " " " Smaltz Fund . .	145 00
" " " " General Fund . .	790 00
" " " for investments]	1000 00
" " " Rev. Th. Appel, salary	20 00
" " " Expenses to Lancaster	4 45
Balance in treasury	1883 58
	\$4520 25

The undersigned, appointed by the Board, having examined the account of the Treasurer, and compared it with his vouchers, find the same to be correct.

THEODORE APPEL.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 18, 1887.

D.) REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the United States.

Dear Brethren: It has been thought best that the undersigned should, at this time, direct the attention of the Synod to the present condition of the Board of Education and to ask your honorable body to take such action as may be deemed wise and proper to promote its greater efficiency and usefulness.

Formerly the Board of Visitors of the Seminary constituted the Board of Education; but of late years the two have been separated, and the latter, consisting of members of the Board of Visitors elected by your Synod, holds its own meetings and transacts its own business.

True to its character as the parent Board of Education in the Church, according to its means it has been assisting young men whilst pursuing their studies for the ministry at Lancaster, irrespective of the Synod or part of the country from which they came. But, for a number of years past, its means have come almost exclusively from the interest accruing from bequests made by pious persons to assist young men in the prosecution of their studies. During the past year it received only one contribution from a pastoral charge. At all our yearly meetings, however, applications for assistance are made by worthy young men in the college or seminary, and these are generally in amounts that exceed our income. This was the case at our last meetings, and the Board felt itself compelled to promise assistance in certain cases that went beyond our income. Such cases are generally urgent, and involve the continuance of the applicants in their studies in the institutions. They result from the fact that the Classes from which they come do not provide for them, or probably cannot do so, because they need all their accessible funds to sustain the beneficiaries already under their care. It is therefore necessary, if the Board is expected to discharge its parental functions as it should, that it should receive some contributions directly from the congregations, or privately from liberal and benevolent individuals. In this way the number of candidates for the ministry could be increased from year to year. It is believed that at least some of our congregations, and perhaps many of them, would be willing to make a small contribution annually to the Board, if requested to do so, even when they pay the apportionments required of them by the Classes for the support of the beneficiaries under their care.

As the result of some inquiry, we have secured the following data, which will show what the churches in this Synod are doing for the cause of beneficiary education during the current year. The amount probably falls considerably short of what is actually given for this object, because we could not in all cases ascertain what was done by particular congregations.

Classis of East Pennsylvania supports 3 beneficiaries and pays \$480.					
"	East Susquehanna	"	2	"	350.
"	Wyoming	"	2	"	350.
"	Lehigh	"	5	"	750.
"	Tohickon	"	3	"	450.
"	Lancaster	"	3	"	450.
"	Schuylkill	"	1	"	175.
"	West Susquehanna	"	7	"	900.
Parent Board		"	12	"	1612.

The Classis of Lebanon, as such, does not support beneficiaries at present; but individual charges have taken the matter in hand and contribute for the support of several students for the ministry. From the Classis of Goshenhoppen we have received no report. The Classis of Philadelphia, as such, has agreed to raise \$800 to assist one beneficiary during his study for the ministry. Apart from this, the congregations generally take up collections for beneficiary education. The Classis of West Susquehanna, in addition to its apportionment, has borrowed \$150 to support another beneficiary during the present year, with the hope that the parent Board will be able to take charge of him next year. Others are also waiting for help from this Board.

The present arrangement, by which each Classis supports its own beneficiaries, is commendable; but it has its defects, which ought to be supplemented in the way proposed above or in some other way. Experience has shown that the individual Classes cannot always provide for the students that apply for help. Some can, and some cannot.

It is a matter of regret that all the Classes do not carry on their work through the Board. The result is that the Board is unable to inform the Synod what the Church is doing for education, and it does not receive the credit for what it is doing in this direction. All this could be done with little or no difficulty, and without interfering in any way with the present arrangement which the Classes have adopted to support their own beneficiaries. It would be an advantage for the latter to be also under the care of the parent Board whilst they are at the institutions, which is not the case at present. We therefore recommend that the Synod should so

direct. The Classes of Tohickon and East Pennsylvania are the only Classes that operate through the Board at present.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 18, 1887.

II. Report on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, presented its report during the session on Friday afternoon. The report was taken up item by item, and then finally adopted as a whole. It reads as follows:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary begs leave to offer the following report:

The following documents were placed in our hands, viz.: The Treasurer's Report, the Report of the Board of Visitors, the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, a Report from the Board of Education, the Report of the Chairman of the Committee on the Endowment of the Theological Seminary, Item 6 of the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod in reference to the salary of Rev. F. A. Gast, D.D., and Item 4 of the Committee on the Minutes of General Synod in reference to contributions to the Theological Seminary on Reformation day.

1. From the Treasurer's Report we learn that the income of the Seminary during the year was \$6,278.84, and the expenditures \$5,518.64, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$760.20.

2. From the Report of the Board of Visitors, your committee learns that the Seminary, under the blessing of God, has enjoyed another year of prosperity, and that the prospects for the coming year are more than usually encouraging. At the opening of the present term there was admitted to the Seminary the largest number of students in any one year since its organization. During the year an instructor in elocution was employed in the Seminary and paid for his services from private subscriptions. The Board of Visitors recommend that this same instructor, who is also employed in the college, be continued, and that the amount of \$250 be paid towards his support,—\$100 by the Synod of the United States, \$75 by the Synod of Pittsburgh, and \$75 by the Synod of the Potomac.

Your committee would recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That we accede to the request of the Board of Visitors,

and hereby agree to pay the sum of \$100, the amount asked from this Synod for the support of said instructor of elocution, and that the same be apportioned among the several Classes.

From the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, we learn that \$4,520.25 were received by him, and \$2,636.67 paid out, leaving a balance of \$1,883.58 in the treasury.

A report from the Board of Education lamenting the fact that so many of the Classes support their own beneficiaries and do nothing for the parent Board; also calling attention to the fact that funds are needed to assist worthy young men who are under the care of the Board and such others who may apply for aid; therefore be it,—

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod directs all Classes not now operating through the parent Board to place their beneficiaries under its care, and that the appropriations made for their support shall pass through the hands of the Treasurer of said Board.

3. That congregations and individuals are hereby requested to make special contributions annually toward this most important object.

The following is the Report of the Chairman on the Endowment of the Theological Seminary:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENDOWMENT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT LANCASTER, PA.

Mr. President and Brethren: Your Committee appointed three years ago by the Synod of Pottstown, to complete the endowment of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., would respectfully beg leave to report:

In deference to the movement in behalf of the College during this Centennial year, there was a slight abatement in the activity and efforts of the members of the Committee. Not wishing to seem to antagonize the work in favor of that equally important enterprise, which so properly claims the support of the Church at this time, there were no special appeals made to congregations and individuals, except in a few instances.

The effort was simply to gather the harvest from seed sown before in the territory canvassed in behalf of the work to which we have been appointed. Still we endeavored to keep our mission

steadily before us by correspondence and occasional personal interview.

The Committee as a body convened but once during the past year—namely, on Friday, Sept. 23, 1887, in the basement of the Trinity Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa. From this meeting two of the members were unavoidably absent. Reports were made of work done and of prospects for the future. The entire subject was thoroughly discussed and features of both encouragement and discouragement were brought to light.

The resignation of Bro. Stem, of Easton, Pa., at his earnest request, was accepted, and your Committee in the exercise of its vested authority appointed Bro. H. M. Kieffer to represent the East Pennsylvania Classis in the work of Endowment. We feel confident that by April 1st, 1888, we shall have it in our power to place \$10,000 in the hands of the Treasurer for safe investment, with the pleasing consciousness that we have accomplished the one object of our appointment—viz.: the completion of the endowment of the 3d Theological Professorship, of which the Rev. Dr. F. A. Gast has been for a number of years the successful but ill-paid incumbent. The other two objects will still remain to be completed.

Not all moneys have been as yet reported, and hence cannot be incorporated in this paper. Of moneys known to be secured, whether by bond, collection, cash or subscription, the amount reported thus far is \$9,082.25, all of which will be available by the first of April, A.D. 1888.

Hoping the Synod may be satisfied with the work of the Committee under existing circumstances, and praying for God's blessing on all future efforts, the above is most respectfully submitted.

S. G. WAGNER, *Chairman of the Committee.*

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 18, 1887.

From this report we learn that commendable progress has been made during the year towards this worthy object, and would recommend the following:

4. *Resolved*, That the Committee be continued for the coming year, with the hope that by renewed and vigorous efforts on the part of the Committee, and active and liberal response on the part

of the church, the work of endowing the Seminary may be carried forward to a successful completion.

In reference to Item 6 of the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod touching Dr. Gast's salary, your committee would report the item attended to, and recommend the following action:

5. *Resolved*, That the sum of \$300 be apportioned among the several Classes to provide for Dr. Gast's salary during the seven months intervening between the 1st of September, 1887, and the 1st of April, 1888, when the amount needed to complete the endowment of his professorship shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

In reference to Item 4 in the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of General Synod, your committee would offer the following:

Resolved, That the attention of the several Classes within our bounds is hereby directed to the action of the General Synod calling for collections to be taken up by all our churches in aid of our theological schools on Reformation Day. (See Minutes of General Synod of 1887, page 154).

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Chairman*.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Daniel W. Gross, Harrisburg, Pa.; John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.; George Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa.; Charles Santee, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Hill, Esq., Sunbury, Pa.; George W. Hensel, Quarryville, Pa.; Aaron G. Renninger, Allentown, Pa.; George G. Heilman, Heilman's Dale, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Henry Wirt, Hanover, Pa.; Israel Laucks, York, Pa.; Henry W. Shriver, Union Mills, Md.; Edgar Slagle, Hanover, Pa.; Charles A. Schultz, York, Pa.; Isaac H. Keefer, Chambersburg, Pa.; W. J. Baer, Somerset, Pa.; W. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.; P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. Daniel M. Wolf, Spring Mills, Pa.; Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; Rev. Charles F. McCauley, D.D., Reading, Pa.; Rev. Charles G. Fisher, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D.D.,

Easton, Pa.; Rev. Albert E. Truxal, Manor Station, Pa.; Rev. J. F. Snyder, Manor Dale, Pa.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md.; Rev. Amos H. Kremer, D.D., Carlisle, Pa.; Rev. J. W. Santee, D.D., Cavetown, Md.; Rev. J. C. Bowman, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The following action of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States in reference to our Missions in California and Oregon is hereby respectfully submitted to your reverend body for action.

Believing that our Missions in California and Oregon can be more successfully carried forward, either by the Boards of Missions of the Synod of the North West, of the Central Synod, or of the German Synod of the East;

Resolved, that the Executive Officers of the Board be constituted a Committee to make a transfer of said missions to either of the Boards of the Synods of the North West and the Central Synod, or the Board of the German Synod of the East, if acceptable to one or other of said Boards upon the following terms:

1st. That the Board agrees to contribute the annual sum of \$2000 toward the support of said mission work for three years, said sum to be paid into the treasury of the Accepting Board in quarterly payments of \$500 each.

2d. That any trust fund which the Board has invested in these missions shall be secured to their original objects.

Resolved, that the Synods of the United States, of Pittsburgh, and of the Potomac be requested to authorize this action.

W. H. H. SNYDER, *Secretary*.

Bellefonte, Oct. 15, 1887.

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1887.

To the Reverend Synods of Pittsburgh, of the Potomac, and of the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN:—I herewith present my Second Annual Report, the fourteenth of the series under the tri-synodic plan of co-

operation, and I again refer you to the Statistical Table for much valuable information. Much that was said of the Missions in the last report is still true, but need not be repeated.

THE MISSIONS.

Abilene, Kansas.—Good progress. Church dedicated February, 1887, with but little debt. Their self-help deserves praise. Prospects very good. Abilene alone should have the pastor's whole time.

Albany, Oregon.—After four months' work at Astoria, Rev. J. B. Braun was sent to Albany in April last; but only future self-denying labor can give any hope of success.

Bangor, Pa.—Some advance, but hindered by lack of unity and co-working.

Boulder, Iowa.—After quite a vacancy, Rev. W. E. Shaley began there March, 1887. Boulder and Brandon are 35 miles apart.

Chambersburg, Pa.—Rev. M. Z. Hittel took charge October 1st, 1886, but after ten months' work was called to his rest. The Mission grew and prospered greatly.

Clearville, Pa.—Self-denying work among a scattered people. Two Missionary Societies organized. Many hindrances to progress.

Concord, N. C.—Progress slow, but pastor is hopeful. Members pay liberally.

Du Bois, Pa.—Cannot expect rapid growth; but prospects are fair.

Duncannon, Pa.—Rev. S. S. Meyer commissioned December 1st, 1886. Considerable outlay for improvements at Marysville.

Dushore, Pa.—Most advance is in building a much-needed church at Dushore, and finishing one at Overton.

East Baltimore, Md.—Congregation organized in May last. Attendance 25. Need their own church. Prospects fair.

Easton, Pa.—Work well organized. People united. Additions encouraging.

Emporia, Kan.—Rev. R. C. Zartman, of Wooster, Ohio, is commissioned.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Besides paying on parsonage debt, about \$1.50 per member was given for benevolence, and half of this was for home missions.

Imogene, Iowa.—Vacant all the year. A fine opening, but where is the man?

Iola, Kansas.—Hard field, 30 miles long. Prospects not bright. Many removals. Finances poor because crops have failed.

Johnstown, Pa.—Additions, finances and spirit of the Mission are hopeful. Parsonage and better church needed.

Kansas City, Mo.—The fruit of twenty months' work here is a congregation of 47 members and a good church costing \$5000 (with a debt only on the lot). The pastor did a great work and bore much self-denial. Prospects fair.

Lancaster, Pa.—Membership and contributions gradually increasing. Prospects encouraging. About fifty Germans, late of St. John's Church, Lancaster, have had regular service (paid for by themselves,) without interfering with the established order of English service.

Lansdale, Pa.—Prospects very good.

Latrobe, Pa.—Bearing a financial burden, but making fair progress. Unity, liberality, and co-working.

Leighton, Iowa.—Vacant all the year, but good prospects. A pastor will soon be commissioned.

Lisbon, Iowa.—Became a mission by the division of the charge. Rev. D. S. Fouse commissioned from January, 1887. Prospects very fair.

Liscomb, Iowa.—Vacant since April last. Active members.

Lock Haven, Pa.—Large additions. Debt finally paid. Church improved. People united and active. Country congregation is dying out.

Marietta, Pa.—Rev. D. B. Schneder left in June last, and Rev. S. F. Laury took charge in August.

McKeesport, Pa.—Over fifty added to the membership. Hopeful future.

Mt. Jackson, Va.—Great need of church and parsonage. Progress slow but safe.

Napa, Cal.—Of the small membership three-fourths are in the country. Finances embarrassing. Future doubtful.

New York, N. Y.—Aid given by the German Board. The great event of the year was the dedication of the church. English Sunday-school in the morning, German in the afternoon. Finances hopeful. About two miles away pastor Fox has opened another Mission to save many of his families, with German Sunday-school in the morning and English in the afternoon.

Orbisonia, Pa.—Vacant six months. Pastor Siegel took charge

January, 1887. Not promising, but hard to strengthen by reconstruction.

Phenixville, Pa.—Many signs of progress. Young people busy. Debt becoming smaller. Systematic giving in Sunday-school.

Reading, Pa.—Additions at Easter and Whitsuntide, 65. Missionary Society of 100 members organized. Active Aid Society. Finances good.

Salem, Oregon.—Pastor's support is largely from the parochial school. Slow progress, but faithful work.

San Francisco, Cal.—Rev. C. M. Schaaff left February last. Rev. C. F. A. Huebner has charge without appropriation.

Scottsdale, Pa.—Small growth for years, but a promising congregation has been organized at Bethany Station, strengthening the charge.

Seattle, W. T.—Membership small, but a nucleus and foundation for the future. Prospects are not to be measured by appearances of to day.

Stafford, Oregon.—A year of sore trials, hence little progress. Weakened by removals. Pastor overworked for want of men. Tempted by calls to easier fields, but he stands faithful to the work in the outpost of the Church. Amid all hindrances fruit is seen.

Stockton, Cal.—Vacant since January last.

Timberville, Va.—Hard, slow work, but reasonably good prospects. Lately made vacant by the death of the pastor, Rev. Dr. G. H. Martin.

Washington, D. C.—Beyond statistics, nothing special to report. Slow progress, but fair prospects. The congregation pays an average of \$11.00 per member.

West Philadelphia, Pa.—Good work. Gradual reduction of the debt and appropriation shows progress.

West Union, Oregon.—Served part of the year by Rev. H. Liesman without appropriation. He has been commissioned from October 1st, 1887.

Wichita, Kan.—Lot paid, and \$7,000 toward new church, which is under roof. Additions and finances encouraging. Pastor Love preached also at Cheney every two weeks. Members at Wichita, 40; at Cheney, 20.

Wilkinsburg, Pa.—Pastor Freeman took charge last November. Growing and prosperous.

Williamsport, Pa.—Slow but healthy progress. For interest, debt, current expenses, and alms, the members averaged \$10 each.

Wilton, Iowa.—Growing audiences, larger Sunday-school and fair prospects.

Winchester, Va.—Smithfield was cut off last winter to give Winchester more service. Toward the rebuilding of the church (whose walls are becoming unsafe) pastor Whitmore raised about \$800 by subscriptions payable monthly; but discouraged by the prospects he lately left the field.

Woodberry, Md.—A model Mission. Self-helpful and prosperous. Many of the members attend catechization. Many *Messengers* (17) are taken. The alms average over \$2 per member and congregational expenses average \$6 per member.

SUPERINTENDENT SHUEY.

Rev. D. B. Shuey spent the year supplying Emporia, Kan., working in the interest of Wichita University, organizing and supplying Topeka, Kan., visiting other Missions and exploring various fields. In Ottawa County, about thirty miles from Abilene, Kan., he lately organized a congregation; and another at Nelson, Neb., whose future pastor can give due attention to surrounding important points. Lincoln, Neb., the capital of the State, should at once have a missionary. Rev. Frank Wetzel, President of Northern Illinois College, will, in a few months, take charge of Sioux City, Iowa.

OREGON.

In addition to the Missions enrolled, Portland-Oregon Classis has several large mission fields without pastors: Astoria, Stella, Washugal, Sandy, and others. In the lack of men, these must necessarily suffer, and after much care already given them, it is a pity now to lose them.

OFF THE ROLL.

The following Missions came off the roll during the year: *Cata-sauqua, Pa.*, by self-support; *Glencoe, Pa.*, by reconstruction; *Houtzdale, Pa.*, as hopeless; also the Missions around Lincoln, Neb., but we must have a man in the city; *Lincolnton, N. C.*, by self-support; *Mann's Choice, Pa.*, by self-support; *McConnellsburg, Pa.*, referred to Mercersburg Classis for sustentation; *Newton, N. C.*, by self-support; *Ridgely, Md.*, and *Wyoming, Del.*, by reconstruction;

Sharon, Pa., by self-support; *Stroudsburg, Pa.*, by self-support: *Tom's Brook*, by self-support.

It must be noted that the statistical table omits all these, and hence does not fully show the work of the year. It gives only those that have been supported and are continued.

MISSIONS ENROLLED.

Albany, Oregon; Boulder, Iowa; Chambersburg, Pa.; East Baltimore, Md. At the late meeting of the Board the following were taken under our care: Plymouth, Pa.; Sioux City, Iowa; Hazleton, Pa.; and Freeland, Pa.

WORTHY OF PRAISE.

It is just, also, to call attention to the self-helpfulness and large giving of many of our Missions, as you may see by examining in detail the statistical table. Even the average is high. For congregational purposes our 4,500 communicant members paid \$30,000, an average of \$6.50 per member (the average for the whole Church is less than \$4.50); and for benevolence they paid \$2,700, an average of about 60 cents per member (the average of the whole Church is but little more). Who will say these people are not helping themselves?

EDITORIAL WORK.

The *Reformed Missionary Herald* has been published during the year, and frequent missionary articles in the *Messenger* and *Sunday-School Treasury*.

SPECIAL CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

To encourage our people more largely to support this work and to secure the return of such monies, the Board of Missions has adopted the following plan for Special Church-building Funds:—

- 1) Each Fund shall be at least \$500.
- 2) It shall bear a distinct name, that of the giver or any other name he may choose, approved by the Board of Missions.
- 3) It shall be under the care and control of this Board.
- 4) It shall be held as a distinct Fund; but interest paid on it from time to time shall be used as the Board may see fit.
- 5) It shall be used only for the building of churches in Missions under this Board.
- 6) No Fund and no part of any Fund shall be a gift to the Mission; but the money shall always be loaned, on first mortgage,

payable within ten years, in such instalments and at such rate of interest as may be agreed upon by the Board and the Mission.

We gratefully report three such Funds already on hand, secured during the year. They bear the following names: The First Special Church-building Fund; The Virginia Classis Church-building Fund; The Emanuel's Church-building Fund of Hanover, Pa.

We ask the Synods to call the attention of the Classes to this plan, urging them to aid in increasing the number of such Special Funds.

OUR INCOME.

The income of the year has by no means been satisfactory, because far short of our needs. The Board asked for \$22,000 for missions, and received only \$18,272, much less than what was needed; and \$5,000 for church-building, but received less than half this amount from the Classes. The large income of June includes the \$1442 legacy of Miss McClellan, of Chambersburg, Pa. The monthly income is as follows:

	MISSIONS.	CHURCH-BUILDING.
Sept. 15th to Oct. 15th, ...	\$ 563.00	\$ 278.79
Oct. 15th to Nov. 15th, ...	1612.88	379.00
Nov. 15th to Dec. 15th, ...	767 00	166.44
Dec. 15th to Jan. 15th, ...	759.99	171.00
Jan. 15th to Feb. 15th, ...	1045.32	695.79
Feb. 15th to Mar. 15th, ...	924.76	260 06
Mar. 15th to April 15th, ...	553.55	147.18
April 15th to May 15th, ...	3576.84	282.63
May 15th to June 15th, ...	2064.51	1669.74
June 15th to July 15th, ...	757.86	3.00
July 15th to Aug. 15th, ...	368.11	12.00
Aug. 15th to Sept. 20th, ...	1471.41	510.00

In view of this fact, which is simply a repetition of old experiences, should we not seriously ask whether our present plan of benevolent finances is wise and good? Should we not seriously challenge even an old method that has always been unsatisfactory because of small results? In other words, if systematic getting of money is practical and effectual in the business of the world, would it not be thus also in the Lord's business?

SSIONS OF

	Alms of Congregation.	Total Alms.
...	\$26.00	\$26.00
...	...	...
...	...	...
...	10.44	11.44
...	44.30	44.30
42	22.07	29.49
...	11.00	27.00
...	66.00	66.00
...	59.50	59.50
00	20.00	40.00
...	5.00	20.00
...	76.75	88.55
...	8.57	8.57
00	66.00	123.00
...	0	0
00	75.00	88.00
...	...	53.20
...	16.81	24.81
...	18.00	54.00
...	68.00	78.00
00	66.38	101.38
...	0	0
00	62.00	100.00
00	27.50	47.50
00	97.00	123.45
00	24.00	58.00
...	70.00	79.00
00	47.00	82.00
...	11.00	11.00
...	0	0
...	0	21.00
00	15.00	75.69
.52	21.75	116.27
...	5.00	12.00
...	27.75	27.75
00	83.64	128.55
.70	14.72	50.42
.65	8.50	32.15
...	...	...
...	65.00	65.00
...	3.95	3.95
00	85.00	175.00
...	?	?
...	...	...
...	50.00	50.00
...	56.25	64.48
00	58.00	150.00
...	30.00	40.85
...	36.00	66.00
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URSINUS UNION.

Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer of Ursinus Union, reports that he paid out during the year \$1652.85, as follows:

St. Mark's Chapel, in Lebanon, Pa., ...	\$ 761.05
Rev. L. K. Derr, Reading, Pa., ...	150.00
Rev. Dr. J. Kuelling, Lancaster, Pa., ...	100.00
Mission Board of Ohio Synod, ...	167.00
Grace Mission, Philadelphia, ...	50.00
Kansas City Mission, ...	40.00
Templeman Chapel, ...	224.80
Rev. G. B. Seibel, Harrisburg, ...	150.00
Rev. F. R. Schwedes, ...	10.00
Total, ...	\$1652.85

He adds that the amount unappropriated to the St. Mark's and Templeman Chapels was contributed by the First Church of Lebanon, within whose bounds these chapels are located.

THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR THE COMING YEAR.

For the work of the coming year the Board respectfully asks the Synods again for \$22,000 for the support of the missionaries, and \$5,000 for church-building, as follows:

For Missions—Synod of the United States, \$12,000; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$4,500; Synod of the Potomac, \$5,500.

For Church-building—Synod of the United States, \$2,500; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$1,000; Synod of the Potomac, \$1,500.

In looking over the work of the year we find in the growth and prospects of our Missions and in the spirit of our people reason for encouragement; and we hopefully commit our work to Him whose we are and whom we serve, praying for His blessing.

Respectfully submitted, A. C. WHITMER,
Superintendent of Missions.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I beg leave to present my fourteenth annual report, showing the finances of the Board, from September 15, 1886, to September 20, 1887.

Moneys were received and disbursements made for Home Missions, Church-building, Washington Mission, etc., as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

Synod of the United States.

Received of the Classis of Philadelphia, . . .	\$320 68	
“ “ “ Tohickon, ...	618 15	
“ “ “ Goshenhoppen, . .	1126 84	
“ “ “ East Pennsylvania, .	1191 78	
“ “ “ Lebanon, ...	561 68	
“ “ “ Schuylkill, ...	1898 05	
“ “ “ Lancaster, ...	875 50	
“ “ “ East Susquehanna, .	981 53	
“ “ “ West Susquehanna, .	922 50	
“ “ “ Lehigh, ...	846 58	
Total from the Synod of the United States, .	————	\$9343 29

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Received from the Treasurer of Synod, . . .	\$1889 25	
“ “ Sundry Sources, ...	122 63	
Total from Synod of Pittsburgh, ...	————	2011 88

Synod of the Potomac.

Received of the Classis of Maryland, . . .	\$1518 65	
“ “ “ Mercersburg, . . .	684 04	
“ “ “ Juniata, ...	963 72	
“ “ “ Carlisle, ...	318 89	
“ “ “ Zion, ...	55 50	
“ “ “ Gettysburg, . . .	531 67	
“ “ “ Virginia, ...	369 38	
“ “ “ North Carolina, . .	64 21	
“ “ “ Iowa, ...	75 00	
“ “ “ Portland—Oregon, .	59 25	
“ “ “ San Francisco, . .	39 75	
Total from the Synod of the Potomac, . . .	————	4680 01

Miscellaneous Sources.

Interest on Gruber Legacy, ...	\$118 75	
Welker Legacy on account, ...	100 00	
Uhler Legacy, ...	950 00	
Sundry Persons, ...	16 00	
Balance in Treasury, Sept. 15, 1886, ...	1052 08	
Total from Miscellaneous Sources, ...	————	2236 83
Total from all sources, ...		\$18,272 01

Disbursements.

Orders of the Board paid during the year, .	\$15,259 06
Orders paid by the Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod, ...	1889 25
Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 20, 1887, .	1123 70
Total, ...	<u>\$18,272 01</u>

*Church-building.**

Balance in the Treasury Sept. 15, 1886, . . .	533 11
Received for Abilene, Kansas, ...	\$407 27
“ “ Kansas City, Mo., ...	190 29
“ “ Wichita, Kansas, ...	368 00
	<u>965 56</u>
“ “ Christ Church, Allentown, Pa, .	400 00
“ from East Susquehanna Classis on Gelbach Claim, ...	\$48 00
Received from Philadelphia Classis on the same, .	96 00
	<u>144 00</u>
“ Miss McClellan Legacy, ...	1442 06
“ for Wichita University, ...	160 00
“ “ Martha Memorial Church, N. Y., .	19 63
“ First Special Church-building Fund, .	500 00
“ from various Classes and individuals, .	1117 51
	<u>\$5281 87</u>
Total from all sources, ...	

Disbursements.

Paid Christ Church, Allentown, Pa., ...	\$400 00
“ West Philadelphia Mission, interest, . .	86 00
“ New York Mission, interest, ...	60 00
“ Amount received for New York Mission, .	19 63
“ “ “ “ Wichita University, .	160 00
“ for York Chapel, ...	225 00
“ interest on Kansas City loan, ...	67 50
“ Amount received for First Special Church-building Fund, ...	50 00
“ Amount received for Wichita Mission, .	440 00
“ “ “ “ Kansas City Mission, .	190 29

* In addition to the receipts acknowledged in the body of the Report, the Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of \$600 for a Third Special Building Fund, from Emanuel's Reformed Church, of Hanover, Pa.

Paid Amount received for Abilene Mission, .	\$417 27	
Balance in Treasury Sept. 20, 1887, is as follows:		
Gelbach Claim, ...	144 00	
McClellan Legacy, ...	1442 06	
First Special Church-building Fund, ...	500 00	
Virginia Classis " "	500 00	
Uhler Legacy, ...	380 00	
Undesignated, ...	200 12	
Total balance in Treasury, ...		3166 18
		\$5281 87

Washington Mission Fund.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 15, 1886, ...	\$ 33 00	
Received from East Pennsylvania Classis, . .	172 68	
Total for Washington Mission, ...		\$205 68
By amount paid Mrs. A. V. L. Miller on note		
against the Board, ...		205 68

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States to audit the account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of said Board, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty enjoined upon us and find the Treasurer's account correct, with balances in the several funds as stated therein, namely:

For Missions, ...	\$1123 70
For Church-building, ...	3166 18

REV. C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
D. S. KELLER,		
J. M. SCHICK.		

IV. TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

In the providence of God, it becomes my duty to transmit to your reverend body, a report of the progress and prospects of our Mission in Japan. The hand that wrote the last annual report is silent in death, and the whole Church mourns the loss of the late

efficient Secretary. You will pardon my reference to a coincidence, which to me is remarkable, since I have been chosen the successor of dear Doctor Johnston. By a singular providence, I was the last friend to visit this good brother before he died. I felt that the place was holy, for the angels were already waiting to bear his spirit into the home of the blest. When I bade him the final farewell, he gave me his usual blessing at parting: "*The Lord be with you.*" And now, I pray God, that his mantle may have fallen on me *then* and *there*.

It is very difficult to furnish an accurate report of the constantly growing work in Japan. The experiences are so varied and the conversions are so many, that a new statement becomes needful every day.

The little tract, which I enclose for your consideration, will give you some idea of our present interests in Japan. Our church has done a great and noble work there in a short time. Let us thank the Lord for it.

The Board feels the importance of increasing our present force in order to reap a large harvest of souls in that heathen Empire. Time is precious everywhere, but it is especially precious in Japan. We cannot tell what a day may bring forth.

We have met an urgent demand by establishing a Girls' school at Sendai, but we need the proper buildings to carry out our grand project. In a recent letter, one of the lady teachers, Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh writes, "Only yesterday, I was told on good authority, that the Educational department of the Government is only waiting to give us a chance, and, that if we do not improve our chance at an early day, a Government school for girls will be opened. Such an event would work a complete change in our affairs." I fear, if the Government will start a rival school at Sendai, it will impede our mission work.

Dear Brethren, God's kingdom will come in Japan as it has come in America, but whether we, as a church, will receive the blessing from the Lord for its coming, depends upon a *right use of our golden opportunities*. It seems to me our church cannot withdraw from and will not tarry in the present conflict of light against darkness among that interesting and promising people.

Japan is on the eve of a mighty change. There is no other nation in the wide, wide world, that bids so fair to enlist itself under the

crimson banner of King Immanuel. Japan is ripe for the Christian religion. Souls hunger for the bread of life. Crowds gather even in theatres to hear the preachers of the Word. Delay to supply them with the Gospel is dangerous. *Do we realize our solemn responsibility? Will we help to make Japan a Christian nation?*

Let me earnestly commend the glorious cause, which our Senior Missionary—the Rev. A. D. Gring, will present to you at this meeting. He, “a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord,” will “make known to you all things; whom ‘we’ have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that He might comfort your hearts.” May His presence amongst you feed the sacred flame of missions in your hearts.

Thanking you for your liberality in the past, and believing that you will abound in this grace also in the future, we commit our Foreign cause to the Lord, to whom be all the glory.

Affectionately yours,

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW,

Secretary Board of Foreign Missions.

Pottsville, Pa., Oct. 19, 1887.

V. REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions reported during the sessions on Monday. The report was taken up, acted on item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your Standing Committee on Missions, Home and Foreign, would offer the following on the papers referred to it for your consideration:

HOME MISSIONS.

I. REPORTS OF THE BOARD.

The Missionary operations of this Synod are set forth in the Reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board. From these documents we learn that eleven missions have been taken off the roll during the year, either by becoming self-sustaining or by reconstruction; that the Board now has fifty missions under its care, six of which are vacant; that the contributions of this Synod to the Board amounted to \$9,343.29, about 20 per cent. less than was asked for. It is gratifying to learn that three special church-building funds of \$500 each have been secured to be

loaned to missions for a term of years. The Superintendent also recommends that more systematic methods be introduced for gathering missionary offerings. To carry forward its work for the coming year the Board asks of this Synod the sum of \$12,000 for missions, and \$2500 for church extension. In view of these facts and recommendations we propose the following for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our gratitude to Almighty God for the humble part this Synod has been enabled to take in the promulgation of the Gospel and the evangelization of the country, and that we invoke the blessing of the great Head of the Church upon all our missions and missionaries.

2. *Resolved*, That the Classes of the Synod be requested to make earnest efforts to introduce into all their congregations systematic methods for gathering missionary offerings and spreading missionary intelligence. For these purposes we recommend missionary societies, the circulation of missionary papers and the envelope system.

3. *Resolved*, That special church-building funds, to be used as loans to missions, are the most satisfactory forms of aid in church extension, and we therefore appeal to our classes, congregations and people to create as many such as their means will allow.

4. *Resolved*, That the sum of \$12,000 for missions and \$2500 for church extension be apportioned among the Classes as follows:

	For Missions.	For Church Building Purposes.
Classis of East Pennsylvania, ...	\$1415	\$295
“ Philadelphia, ...	716	149
“ Lebanon, ...	1423	297
“ Lancaster, ...	763	158
“ East Susquehanna, ...	741	154
“ West “	786	164
“ Goshenhoppen, ...	1150	240
“ Tobickon, ...	1075	225
“ Lehigh, ...	1730	360
“ Schuylkill, ...	1460	304
“ Wyoming, ...	741	154
	\$12,000	\$2500

5. WHEREAS, The Superintendent of Missions has stated to the Synod that in addition to the usual income of the Board for several

years past, we need \$5,000 more this year, to pay all indebtedness to our missionaries up to October 1, 1888,

Resolved, That the Classes are earnestly urged to make special efforts to secure the full amount of their apportionment.

II. REQUESTS OF THE BOARD.

1. The Board requests permission to transfer its missions in California and Oregon to either the Board of the Synod of the Northwest and the Central Synod, or to the Board of the German Synod of the East, with the promise of \$2000 annual support for three years, said sum to be paid into the treasury of the accepting Board in quarterly payments of \$500 each, and that any trust funds which the Board has invested in these missions shall be secured to their original objects.

In answer to this request

Resolved, That the Board be authorized to make a transfer of its missions in California and Oregon to either of the German Boards on the terms set forth in their request to the Synod.

2. A request that Synod take such action as will provide the funds necessary to carry out its action of last year, promising to the Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia, \$2000 toward its church debt.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to pay to the Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia, \$606 by February 1, 1888, out of church-building funds that may have been contributed by this Synod, and thereafter annually, as much as may be needed to carry out the original promise of this Synod to the Church of the Strangers.

3. An overture from the executive council of the Board of Missions, requesting Synod to require the members elected by it on said Board, to remain at the annual meeting a sufficient length of time to attend deliberately to all the business that claims their attention.

Resolved, That this Synod's members of the Board of Missions be enjoined to give sufficient time to their duties as members to enable the Board to attend to all its business with deliberation and thoroughness.

4. The Board requests the co-operation of the members of the church to secure the passage of a bill by the Congress of the United States to reimburse Winchester Charge for damages done to its church by its occupancy by United States troops during the war.

Resolved, That this Synod, recognizing the justice of the claim, endorses the efforts of the Reformed Congregation of Winchester, Virginia, to have itself reimbursed by the Congress of the United States for the damages which the church-building sustained through its occupancy by United States troops during the war.

Resolved, That the Classes and congregations of the Synod be requested to use their influence with the members of Congress residing in their midst to secure the passage of such a bill.

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be instructed to furnish the Committee of the Board of Missions, of which D. S. Keller is chairman, an official copy of this action, with the seal of Synod attached.

III. UNIFICATION OF MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

1. In response to the request of the General Synod for a unification of the missionary operations of the church, we recommend the following:

Resolved, That the unification of our Home Mission work be referred to a special committee, to report at the next annual session of the Synod.

IV. WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The General Synod encourages the formation of Women's Missionary Societies, congregational, classical, and synodical; therefore

Resolved, That all our Classes be requested to organize Classical Women's Missionary Societies and to secure the organization of congregational societies in all the churches within their bounds.

Resolved, That all the Classical Societies of the Synod be invited to send at least two delegates to the next meeting of this Synod for the purpose of organizing a Synodical Women's Missionary Society.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

With reference to the great cause of Foreign Missions the following papers were placed in our hands: A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, inclosing an appeal of their Executive Committee; also, certain resolutions adopted by the Central Synod lately convened in Cleveland, O.

These documents confirm the assurance that the Board is engaged in a most successful work in the Empire of Japan. Its very success, however, increases the solemn responsibility for new and enlarged

effort. We are also admonished to use great care in the management of everything connected with the far-reaching and most responsible work. We submit the following resolutions, in part a reiteration of Synod's action last year, as covering the whole ground :

1. *Resolved*, That Synod, with thankfulness to God, rejoices in the increasing prosperity of our foreign mission, and commends its missionaries and their work to the care and blessing of the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod renewedly commends our foreign mission to the cordial sympathy and prayers of our churches and people, and asks their timely and liberal offerings for its support.

3. *Resolved*, That in view of the pressing need of suitable buildings for our Female School at Sendai, an earnest appeal be made to all those whom the Lord has blessed with means to make special offerings without delay for the purpose, and that this resolution be published in the papers of the church.

4. *Resolved*, That we have full confidence in the fidelity as well as the ability of our Board of Foreign Missions, and that we will continue to implore the blessing of the Lord upon all their deliberations, that they may at all times come to right conclusions which may lead to still greater success, to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Respectfully submitted.

H. T. SPANGLER, *Chairman*.

The Special Committee, called for in this report, to whom the resolution on the unification of Home Mission-work was referred, consists of Revs. John H. Sechler, John A. Peters, C. S. Gerhard, and Elders John W. Bickel and Hiram C. Hoover.

The following resolution offered by Rev. Henry T. Spangler was referred to the aforesaid Committee for consideration :

Resolved, That this Synod's members of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions be instructed to use their best efforts to have the missions now operated by it, beyond our bounds, conveyed to the Board of the General Synod, and that hereafter it shall not *undertake* missions beyond its own bounds.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be instructed to appoint two men from among the delegates who shall be elected to the next Synod to address it on the subject of *Home and Foreign Missions*.

Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Supt. of Missions, briefly addressed Synod in regard to the necessity of supporting the cause of missions more liberally. Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, President of the Board of Missions, addressed the Synod concerning the claims of the Winchester Charge against the United States for damages incurred on its church property during the war.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to send a circular in behalf of this Synod, to all its ministers and charges appealing for offerings toward the immediate relief of the Treasury of our Board of Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, and also the Report of the Treasurer of Synod were received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations and the latter to the Committee on Finance. The report is the following :

Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod.

The undersigned was instructed by the Board of Trustees of Synod, to report that East Susquehanna Classis is in arrears on Contingent Fund of Synod, \$63.00 for 1885, and \$99.00 for 1886. Total \$162.00.

The Board is at present constituted of the following persons :

Rev. Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D., whose term expires Jan. 1, 1888.

Elder John Meily,	"	"	"	
Rev. John W. Steinmetz,	"	"	"	1890.
Elder John J. Nissley,	"	"	"	1891.
Elder D. B. Mauger,	"	"	"	1892.

The term of Rev. J. E. Hiester, D D., will expire on the 1st of January, 1888. The Board nominated Rev. George B. Resser and Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, one of whom is to be elected to fill said vacancy. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. STEINMETZ, *President.*

JOHN MEILY, *Treasurer, in account with the Reformed Church in the United States.*

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

1886.

DR.

Oct. 11. To balance in hand \$ 6 65

1887.

Jany.	10.	Cash from Rev. T. S. Johnston, treasurer Lebanon Classis	50 00
July	13.	Cash from James T. Reber, treas- urer Schuylkill Classis	92 00
"	16.	Cash from Rev. T. O. Stem, treasurer East Pennsylvania Classis	84 00
Aug.	12.	Cash from H. C. Hoover, treasurer Philadelphia Classis	44 00
"	16.	Cash from Rev. W. A. Haas, treas- urer West Susquehanna Classis . .	49 00
"	18.	Cash from I. G. Gerhart, treasurer Tohickon Classis	64 00
"	31.	Cash from D. B. Mauger, treasurer Goshenhoppen Classis	72 00
Sept.	15.	Cash from Rev. T. Kessler, treasurer Lebanon Classis	99 00
"	"	Cash from Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, treasurer Lancaster Classis	45 00
"	28.	Cash from Rev. N. S. Strassburger, D.D., treasurer Lehigh Classis . .	106 00
Oct.	17.	Balance due treasurer	6 88

 \$718 03

1887.

CR.

Jany.	26.	By cash to Rev. John P. Stein, . clerk of Synod, on account	55 00
July	13.	By cash Rev. C. G. Fisher, Superin- tendent and treasurer Publication Board, on account	92 00
"	14.	By cash to Rev. John P. Stein, on account	84 00
Aug.	12.	By cash to Publication Board . . .	44 00
"	16.	" " "	49 00
"	18.	" " "	64 00
"	31.	" " "	72 00
Sept.	16.	" " "	99 00
"	16.	By cash Rev. John P. Stein, balance	48 84

Sept.	28.	By cash to Publication Board on account	106 00
Oct.	17.	By cash Rev. John W. Steinmetz, expenses	2 22
"	17.	By cash D. B. Mauger, expenses	1 97
			\$718 03

1887.

Oct.	17.	By balance due treasurer	6 38
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SEMINARY AND GERHARD FUND.

1887.

DR.

Jany.	15.	To cash six months' interest, Harrisburg City Bonds, Gerhard Legacy.	9 00
Feb.	2.	To cash from I. Mumma, six months' interest part Kieffer Legacy . . .	125 00
Mch.	29.	To cash from Leonard Mountz, six months' interest part Kieffer Legacy	112 50
Mch.	1.	To cash from C. P. Sherk, mortgage Cook Legacy returned.	1200 00
Mch.	1.	To cash from C. P. Sherk, one year's interest on same	60 00
July	28.	To cash Gerhard Legacy, six months' interest Harrisburg City Bonds . .	9 00
Aug.	17.	To cash from estate I. Mumma, six months' interest part Kieffer Legacy	125 00
Oct.	1.	To cash from Leonard Mountz, six months' interest part Kieffer Legacy	112 50
"	"	To cash from St. John's Congregation six months' interest mortgage Cook Legacy.	30 00
			\$1783 00

1887.

CR.

Mch.	1.	By cash to St. John's Congregation, Lebanon, first mortgage on parsonage, Cook Legacy	1200 00
May.	4.	By cash to John B. Roth, treasurer Theological Seminary, Lancaster, six months' interest Kieffer Legacy	237 50

May	4.	By cash to John B. Roth, one year's interest Cook Legacy	60 00
Oct.	11.	By cash to John B. Roth, treasurer six months' interest Kieffer Legacy	237 50
"	"	By cash to John B. Roth, six months' interest Cook Legacy	30 00
"	15.	By cash Rudolph Kelker, treasurer Board Foreign Missions	6 00
"	"	By cash to William H. Seibert, treasurer Board Home Missions	6 00
"	"	By cash to Rev. C. G. Fisher, treasurer Board B. Education	6 00
			\$1783 00

WICHITA UNIVERSITY FUND.

1886.	DR.		
Oct.	28.	To cash from Rev. L. J. Mayer, Boyertown Charge	50 00
1887.			
Mch.	8.	To cash from Rev. T. J. Hacker, Shamokin Charge	100 00
"	18.	To cash from I. G. Gerhart, treasurer Tohickon Classis	58 00
"	26.	To cash from I. G. Gerhart, treasurer Tohickon Classis	40 00
"	29.	To cash from I. G. Gerhart, treasurer Tohickon Classis	50 00
"	31.	To cash from Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D. D.	50 00
April	2.	To cash from Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D., treasurer Lebanon Classis	300 00
"	4.	To cash from I. G. Gerhart, treasurer Tohickon Classis	352 00
"	11.	To cash from Rev. W. A. Haas, treasurer West Susquehanna Classis	45 31
"	15.	To cash from Rev. T. O. Stem, treasurer East Pennsylvania Classis	55 73
"	23.	To cash from George Hill, treasurer East Susquehanna Classis	11 00

May	4.	To cash from Rev. T. O. Stem, treasurer East Pennsylvania Classis . .	209 27
"	12.	To cash from Rev. W. A. Haas, treasurer West Susquehanna Classis	47 00
July	28.	To cash from Rev. W. A. Haas, treasurer West Susquehanna Classis	56 27
Oct.	8.	To cash from Rev. W. A. Haas, treasurer West Susquehanna Classis	38 17
			\$1462 75
1887.			CR.
Mch.	31.	By cash to Rev. D. B. Shuey . .	298 00
April	2.	" " " "	350 00
"	7.	" " " "	352 00
"	18.	" " " "	101 04
May	21.	" " " "	267 27
July	28.	" " " "	56 27
Oct.	11.	" " " "	37 17
			\$1462 75

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MEILY, *Treasurer.*

October 17, 1887.

The Auditing Committee would respectfully report, that they have examined the Treasurer's report, and his vouchers, and find the same correct.

J. E. HIESTER,
D. B. MAUGER.

Unpaid apportionments East Susquehanna Classis, Minutes of Synod, 1885, page 64	63.00
Minutes of Synod, 1886, page 61	99.00
	\$162.00

Unpaid claims to balance due Publication Board \$68 50

Report of Special Committee on Deficit to Wichita University.

Your Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod, to secure from the several classes composing this Synod the sum of \$840, the amount needed to complete the appropriation made for Wichita University, has submitted the following: The committee held no meeting during the year. For lack of information we cannot report what has been accomplished by individual

members of the Committee. Only for three Classes can we speak. Very little was secured in East Pennsylvania Classis, and in Philadelphia Classis nothing beyond the sum for which pastors and elders on the floor of Synod, obligated their congregations, and the sums which as donations had previously been given by persons within the bounds of said classes. For East Susquehanna Classis we report, that in addition to the payments of pledges made at the annual meeting of Synod in Philadelphia, \$400 was apportioned on the several charges of Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM,
JOHN H. SECHLER,
THOMAS J. HACKER.

The foregoing report was adopted, and the deficit of \$840, was referred to the Committee of Finance, to be apportioned among the several Classes.

Report on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted its report, which was taken up item by item and adopted.

The report is as follows, to wit :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the following report :

The following documents and items were referred to your committee :

1. The Report of the Treasurer of Synod.
2. The Report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Synod.
3. Contingent Fund of this Synod.
4. Apportionment of Contingent Fund of General Synod.
5. Apportionment of General Synod for Bohemia Church aid.
6. Harbor Mission apportionment for three years.
7. Balance of principal and interest due on Bond of the Treasurer of Synod to Board of Home Missions.
8. Salary of the Teacher of Elocution and of Dr. Gast.
9. Synod's Pledge to Wichita University.
10. Arrearage on Contingent Fund of Synod on the part of East Susquehanna Classis to the ammount of \$162.00 for 1885 and 1886.

Your committee have apportioned the following amount among the several Classes of this Synod on the basis of Communicant Members.

1. Contingent Fund of Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, estimated amount necessary, \$900.

East Penna. Classis	\$113 00
Lebanon "	116 00
Philadelphia "	49 00
Lancaster "	56 00
East Susque. "	54 00
West Susque. "	53 00
Goshenhoppen "	80 00
Tohickon "	82 00
Lehigh "	131 00
Schuylkill "	112 00
Wyoming "	54 00

2. Contingent Fund of General Synod, \$1064.42.

East Penna. Classis	\$135 00
Lebanon "	138 00
Philadelphia "	59 00
Lancaster "	67 00
East Susque. "	64 50
West Susque. "	64 00
Goshenhoppen "	96 00
Tohickon "	98 00
Lehigh "	155 00
Schuylkill "	124 00
Wyoming "	64 50

3. Bohemia Church aid, \$342.

East Penna. Classis	\$44 00
Lebanon "	45 00
Philadelphia "	18 00
Lancaster "	27 00
East Susque. "	20 50
West Susque. "	20 00
Goshenhoppen "	30 00

Tohickon Classis	31 00
Lehigh "	50 00
Schuylkill "	43 00
Wyoming "	20 50

4. Harbor Missions, \$836.33.

East Penna. Classis	\$105 00
Lebanon "	108 00
Philadelphia "	45 00
Lancaster "	52 00
East Susque. "	50 00
West Susque. "	50 00
Goshenhoppen "	75 00
Tohickon "	76 00
Lehigh "	122 00
Schuylkill "	103 00
Wyoming "	50 00

5. Balance of Bond due to Board of Home Missions, \$243.61.

East Penna. Classis	\$32 00
Lebanon "	36 00
Philadelphia "	14 00
Lancaster "	16 00
East Susque. "	15 00
West Susque. "	14 00
Goshenhoppen "	22 00
Tohickon "	23 00
Lehigh "	36 00
Schuylkill "	30 00
Wyoming "	15 00

6. Salary of Teacher of Elocution and of Dr. Gast in the Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., amount \$400.

East Penna. Classis	\$51 00
Lebanon "	53 00
Philadelphia "	22 00
Lancaster "	26 00
East Susque. "	20 00
West Susque. "	25 00
Goshenhoppen "	37 00

Tohickon Classis		38 00
Lehigh	"	59 00
Schuylkill	"	50 00
Wyoming	"	20 00

9. Arrearages of East Susquehanna Classis on Contingent Fund of Synod.

In relation to this case, your committee recommend the following action for adoption :

Whereas, the East Susquehanna Classis, as appears from the Report of the Treasurer of Synod, is in arrears on the Contingent Fund of Synod for the years of 1885 and 1886 to the amount of \$162 00, and,

Whereas, East Susquehanna is now divided, and the new Classis of Wyoming has been organized out of a part of the territory of East Susquehanna Classis, therefore,

Resolved, That the Classes of East Susquehanna and of Wyoming be earnestly directed to make arrangements without delay to make speedy payments of their arrears to the said Fund, and that the amount be equally divided between the two Classes.

Synod's pledge to Wichita University, \$840.

East Penna. Classis		\$110 00
Lebanon	"	112 00
Philadelphia	"	40 00
Lancaster	"	65 00
East Susque.	"	55 00
West Susque.	"	55 00
Goshenhoppen	"	80 00
Tohickon	"	80 00
Lehigh	"	125 00
Schuylkill	"	105 00
Wyoming	"	55 00

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. HIESTER, *Chairman.*

By a resolution adopted by Synod, an order of (\$20.00) Twenty Dollars was granted in favor of Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, Pastor of 1st Reformed Church, Sunbury, Pa., for expenses incurred, during the sessions of Synod.

Rev. George B. Resser of Lebanon, Pa., was elected to fill the vacancy occurring January 1st, 1888, in the Board of Trustees of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred requiring the action of Synod.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINT.

In the consideration of the Report on the Minutes of Classes, under the head of Appeals and Complaints, the complaint of Rev. George B. Dechant, against the decision of East Susquehanna Classis, in refusing his request to be dismissed to the Wyoming Classis, was brought to the attention of Synod. The complaint was referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. John W. Steinmetz, S. P. Mauger and Elder D. B. Mauger, who subsequently reported the following action, which was adopted :

The Committee begs leave to report, that it has examined the papers submitted in the case of complaint of Rev. George B. Dechant, against the East Susquehanna Classis. The papers examined are the Minutes of Classis, and the reasons for complaint lodged with the President of said Classis. The Committee found the complaint in order and ready for hearing. It recommends the following :

1. That the papers bearing on the case be read.
2. That the complainant be allowed 30 minutes to present and argue the case, viz., 15 minutes to open, and 15 to close.
3. That 30 minutes be allowed the defence to defend the action of classis.
4. That after the complainant has closed his argument, the Synod immediately proceed to vote.
5. That this case be made the order of the day, at the opening of the session of Synod this afternoon.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. STEINMETZ, *Chairman.*

The papers proper to the case were read on Saturday afternoon. Rev. George B. Dechant, acted as his own Counsel. Rev. Thomas J. Hacker, defended the action of East Susquehanna Classis. The yeas and nays were called, and the result was as follows:

Yeas. Revs. Dr. I. K. Loos, J. E. Freeman, George W. Kershner, Jonathan E. Hiester, Dr. F. W. Kremer, John H. Sechler, Dr. J. B. Shumaker, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, S. Sweitzer, S. P. Brown, W. H. H. Snyder, E. Keller, S. K. Gross, William M. Reily, Dr. B. Bausman, J. W. Steinmetz. Elders. E. B. Shuey, Hiram C. Hoover, John W. Bickel, J. Z. Gerhard, Prof. William Moyer, D. B. Mauger, Nathan Zern, H. C. Cressman, William B. Fluck, Wilson K. Peters, John Jacobs, 27.

Nays. Revs. T. O. Stem, George B. Resser, Samuel A. Leinbach, Silas P. Mauger, D. E. Klopp, John M. Souder, W. D. Donat. Elders. John Teel, Charles Wagner, Abraham Landis, George Silvius, John Gemmel, H. M. Housekeeper, Isaiah C. Gerhart, Philip Williard, George W. Hensel, Samuel L. Dellinger, C. M. Bower, J. H. Willis, James F. Hunsicker, Lewis P. Hecker, James T. Reber, B. Marburger, 23.

Rufus W. Miller, Henry T. Spangler, *non liquet*.

This action sustaining the complaint was reconsidered on the following Monday. An appeal was taken against the ruling of the chair, in excluding those delegates of East Susquehanna and Wyoming Classes who had not voted in the Classes when the vote on this subject was taken. The appeal was sustained. The vote was again taken and the results are as follows:

Yeas. Revs. J. E. Freeman, Dr. J. E. Hiester, Dr. F. W. Kremer, John H. Sechler, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Eli Keller, A. Houtz. Elders. E. B. Shuey, Hiram C. Hoover, John W. Bickel, J. Z. Gerhard, William Moyer, D. B. Mauger, Nathan Zern, H. C. Cressman, William B. Fluck, Wilson K. Peters, 17.

Nays. Revs. T. O. Stem, George B. Resser, Samuel A. Leinbach, Silas P. Mauger, D. E. Klopp, Stephen Sweitzer, John M. Souder, S. P. Brown, William H. H. Snyder, George P. Hartzell, S. K. Gross, William M. Reily, W. D. Donat, B. Bausman, Rufus W. Miller, John A. Peters, F. C. Yost. Elders. John Teel, Charles Wagner, Abraham Landis, George Silvius, H. M. Housekeeper, Isaiah C. Gerhart, Philip Williard, George W. Hensel, Samuel L.

Dellinger, C. M. Bower, J. H. Willis, J. K. Haas, James F. Hunsicker, Lewis P. Hecker, James T. Reber, Benjamin Marburger, 33.
Excused Revs. T. S. Land, S. M. K. Huber.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Religious Services, made provision for several addresses to the Sunday School at a service held on Sunday afternoon. On Saturday evening there was a general discussion on Sunday School and practical Church-work topic. On Tuesday at the closing session, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a programme of practical Church-work subjects, and that they be empowered to select persons to speak upon these subjects, such programme to occupy one of the evenings of the next Synodical meeting, and that the selection be made from among the regular delegates, and that they be notified one month before the annual meeting of Synod. The Committee appointed by the President consists of Revs. George B. Resser, Dr. F. W. Kremer and Elder James T. Reber.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

To the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh, and Potomac :

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States would respectfully submit to the Synods named this, its Twenty-fourth Annual Report:

The Board held three meetings during the year. G. S. Griffith was elected *President* to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George Gelbach, Esq., who had filled the office for four years, and Rev. Charles G. Fisher was continued as *Secretary* and *Treasurer*.

From Annual Statement submitted by the Superintendent, Rev. Charles G. Fisher, at the last meeting, held September 15th, is to be gathered the following :

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31st, 1887.

From Periodicals	\$24,302.88
" Book Store	12,931.20
" Rents	837.00
" Collections	108.17
" Miscellaneous Sources	1,134.18
Total Receipts	<u>\$39,313.43</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31st, 1887.

Loans, etc., paid	\$250.00
Printing, Paper and Binding	20,889.73
Interest	2,370.44
Commissions	1,416.64
Merchandise	4,550.00
Salaries	6,483.86
Taxes (\$482.09) and Insurance (\$137.50)	619.59
Postage	513.22
Miscellaneous	1,869.46
Copy Money	318.66
Expenses of Members of Board	179.00
Repairs	156.18
Expressage	244.72
Total Disbursements	<u>39,861.50</u>
Excess of Disbursements	<u>\$548.07</u>

LIABILITIES—1887:

Notes on which interest is paid	\$27,511.90
Mortgage on Building	15,000.00
Miscellaneous	6,011.93
Total Liabilities	<u>\$48,523.83</u>

ASSETS—1887.

Estimate of the Committee.

Book Accounts	\$4,314.76
Periodical Accounts	13,001.95
Stock in Store	4,657.00
Books in Sheets	4,000.00
Papers on Hand	584.73

Stereotype Plates	2,700.00
Miscellaneous	4,172.00
Real Estate	35,000 00

Total of Assets	\$68,430.24
Total of Liabilities	48,523.83

Excess of Assets	\$19,906.41
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Cost of periodicals published by the Board and the receipts for the same, during the year :

	<i>Messenger.</i>	<i>Sunshine.</i>	<i>Sunday-School Treasury.</i>
Composition, press- work, etc., }			
Paper	\$4,582.32	\$571.42	\$833.57
Postage	2,246.40	500.00	800.00
Editors' salaries . .	344.96	41.78	71 94
Commissions	2,175.00	50.00	105.00
	1,300.00	15.00	35.00
Total Cost . .	\$10,648.68	\$1178.20	1845.51
Total Receipts	12,517.18	1866.92	2787.13
Excess of Receipts	\$1,868.50	\$688.72	\$941.62
	<i>Guardian.</i>	<i>Scholars' Quarterly.</i>	<i>Advanced Lesson Paper.</i>
Composition, press- work, paper, etc. }			
Postage	\$1338.32	\$1934.43	\$821.82
Editing	32.96	63.67	33.72
Commissions	180.00	130.00	30.00
	30.00	25.00	10.64
Total Cost . .	\$1581.28	\$2153.10	\$896.18
Total Receipts	1667.99	2507.32	1061.83
Excess of Receipts	\$86.71	\$354.22	\$165.65
	<i>Review.</i>	<i>Ref'd Miss'ry Herald.</i>	<i>Primary Lesson Paper.</i>
Composition, press- work, paper, etc. }			
Postage	\$544.22	\$511 04	\$615.42
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Editing	220.00	120.00	50.00
Commissions	. .	3.00	. .
Total Cost . .	\$772.70	\$654 98	\$679.67
Total Receipts	739.41	624.79	530.31
Excess of Cost . .	\$33.29	\$30 19	\$149.34

The amount of receipts above the cost of the six periodicals and the profits from the store have been about sufficient to meet the other salaries, taxes, the excess of cost of the other three periodicals, etc.

The committee appointed to examine the assets, etc., submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted :

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 14th, 1887.

To the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States :

Your committee appointed to examine the assets of the Board and report at this meeting, respectfully presents the following for consideration.

That the stock in the store is in very good condition, only a few of the books being shop-worn or unsaleable. The reduction reported from the cost price, as given in the Superintendent's report, was only made to place the estimates fully beyond a doubt. The other assets, in the way of periodical and book accounts, plates, etc., were liberally reduced, so that you will find them cut down \$21,834.37 from their values as estimated upon the prices paid for them, and at which they stand charged upon the books, and your committee believes that the figures reported to you could certainly be realized from collections of accounts and sale of assets. The value placed upon the real estate is the same as given in last year's report.

The subscription lists of the several periodicals and the business of the store are somewhat larger than last year, as you will see by reference to the report of the Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted.

HY. WIRT,	} Committee.
J. M. SCHICK,	
E. J. DURBAN,	

The number of books, tracts and services of different kinds printed for the Book Department during the year was 55,500, of which number there were 18,000 almanacs.

In the Periodical Department the whole number published during the year was 162,760. These numbers show an increase over those of the preceding year in both departments.

At the last meeting of the Board the following paper and proposition was presented by the Superintendent :

To the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States :

It would seem that our Publication Interests have reached the point when something decisive must be done to save them from embarrassment and demoralization. The present unsatisfactory condition of things is felt to be owing, for the most part, to causes outside of the Board itself. Among these may be noted, 1st, The failure of the fulfillment of the resolve of the Synod of the United States in 1864, viz., to raise at least \$60,000 to put the establishment in as good a position and condition as it was before its destruction at Chambersburg, Pa. 2d. The want of capital to enable it to carry on its business, it having depended entirely upon borrowed money, the interest upon which has been a burden for it to bear 3d. The circulation of unverified statements about the Board and its business and condition by irresponsible parties. 4th. A want of harmony and co-operation between the three Synods now represented in the Board, as well as a want of confidence in its success.

As your Superintendent, and as one necessarily familiar with the affairs of the Board, I am not ready to say that they are in a precarious condition, and whatever seeming or imagined straitened condition its finances may be or may be said to be in, is, I believe, owing largely to a want of proper support on the part of the Church, the plant here being such as to be able to do a larger business than is done. I also feel that the Board is by no means to blame for the unsatisfactory condition in which things seem to be, in the minds of some in the Church.

But things cannot go on in this way any longer. As you know I have a claim among the debts owed by the Board to the amount of \$15 000, and am also in a measure responsible to relatives and others to the amount of nearly \$7,000 more, which, together, is

more than half of the debt spoken of. These claims I cannot help but feel under the present want of confidence in the future success of the Board—it even being sent through the Church that the Board is “insolvent” and “ready to go into bankruptcy” and the like—and the continued and determined refusal of the three Synods to come forward and relieve the Board of its debts, like they come to the relief of other institutions of the Church, are more or less in danger of being eventually lost, particularly since they are not protected by any security at all.

In view of these things, and the fact that the Publication interests of the Church when under the management of M. Kieffer & Co., a private firm in Chambersburg, Pa., were in a more satisfactory condition—the Church then receiving a fixed sum annually, without any pecuniary responsibility at all—I am constrained to offer to you this day, a proposition for your consideration, feeling it will be a way out of the present condition of things. And, to be true to myself, it is proper for me to say, that I do so, not because I personally desire to do what I offer, but chiefly to relieve the Synods of this whole business, a heavy burden it would seem, and so shape things that they may receive some benefit in a pecuniary way at least.

This proposition is further made in view of your asking the Synods last year to give you authority to sell out to a private firm, which authority was granted, the stereotype plates and periodicals being excepted. The real estate and the stock in store would be undesirable to a purchaser without the assets excepted accompanying them. This is also met in the proposition, so that if it be accepted, the whole establishment would stand as it does now, a change only being made in those conducting the affairs of the Board for the Church or Synods. Evidently a private firm will be able to do what the Synods have refused to do, viz., secure capital to put in the business.

Such a transfer as contemplated here will have the effect to relieve the Synods of much of the annoyance and trouble they have had annually over the affairs of their Board:

The proposition I have to make is as follows:

PROPOSITION.

The undersigned, on the strength of the facts stated in the ac-

companying paper, with the view of forming hereafter a Publishing Company, as a private firm, that shall carry on the business of publishing books and periodicals for the use of the Reformed Church in the United States, as is now being done by you for the Church, or the Synods, would hereby make the following proposition to your body :

1st. The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States to transfer to the undersigned all the property it possesses, viz : real estate, stock in store and elsewhere, accounts, etc., coming under the name of assets, as set forth in its reports, except stereotype plates and publishing rights ; said transfer to be properly made as in all such cases.

2d. The Publication Board to lease to the undersigned the absolute right to use the stereotype plates and to publish books therefrom, and also the right to publish all the periodicals now issued by the Board and receive all the income thereupon, for the term of *ten* years with the privilege of a renewal of the same at its expiration, upon such terms as the Board of Publication and the firm may agree upon.

3d. For this transfer and lease the undersigned agrees that he shall become responsible for all the liabilities or debts held against the Board at the date of transfer, and also will pay to the Board of Publication the amount of *one* per cent for the first year and thereafter *two* per cent., on the gross receipts of the whole business annually.

4th. The Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh and Potomac, are, in view of the terms of this transfer and lease to agree that they jointly or any one of them will not establish or themselves conduct, or have conducted for them, a publishing house or houses, nor publish any books or periodicals, nor endorse any periodicals that may be published by any private party or individuals, either within or without their respective bounds, and to give to the undersigned or the company he may form, all their own printing or publishing, the rates for such not to be higher than those charged by others for the same work.

5th. The undersigned promises to keep the periodicals and books up to their present standard, as well as keep up with the times as far as practicable, and not to discontinue the publications of any,

without first consulting the Board of Publication, and shall issue them at the lowest cost possible.

6th. When vacancies occur in the editorship of "*The Messenger*" and "*Review*," they are to be filled by the Board of Publication, the selections to be agreeable to the undersigned or the firm formed. The salaries of the editors of all the periodicals shall be fixed and paid by the undersigned or firm. The Synodical Editorships are to be filled as now, by their respective Synods.

7th. This transfer and lease are to be made to the undersigned in due form, by December 1st next.

8th. All acknowledgments and notices for the church or its boards to be inserted in "*The Messenger*," as now, free of charge.

CHAS. G. FISHER.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 14th, 1887.

The subject presented in the above papers received the earnest attention of the members of the board present,—they fully agreeing with the Superintendent that things cannot go on any longer as they have been,—and after thoroughly discussing it in all its bearings, the following resolution was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That the papers be received, and in view of the matter presented and the radical changes involved in the proposition made, the board does not feel willing to recommend to the Synods any particular action, but would refer it to them for their serious consideration.

The term of B. Wolff, Jr., as trustee of the Synod of Pittsburgh, and G. S. Griffith, of the Synod of the Potomac, expiring at the end of the present year, the Synods named will, therefore, have to fill the vacancies that will occur in the Board, at their coming annual sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

CHAS G. FISHER, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Sept. 25, 1887.

PROPOSITION OF DANIEL MILLER.

READING, PA., SEPTEMBER 24, 1887.

To the Rev. Synod of Pittsburgh, Synod of the Potomac, and Synod of the United States :

Dear Brethren :—I herewith submit for your consideration the following proposition :

1. I will agree to publish all the periodicals now issued by the Board of Publication, in good style, at my own risk, and pay either to the Board or the Synods, as may be agreed upon, a commission of five per centum upon the gross receipts of subscription, except in the case of the *Reformed Review*, which is now said to be published at a loss.

2. I will agree to publish all books in demand, using the Board's plates, and pay a royalty upon every copy sold, as follows: Upon all books sold at \$1.00 and over, ten cents per copy; upon all books sold at 50 cts. to \$1.00, five cents per copy; and upon all books sold at less than 50 cts., three cents per copy.

3. I will guarantee that the commission and royalty from these two sources will amount to at least one thousand dollars per annum.

4. If desired, I will collect, as far as possible, all outstanding subscriptions to the periodicals from subscribers now on the lists, and pay over the amount received as often as agreed upon, less ten per cent. for collecting.

5. I will agree to buy such books now on hand as I can use, at the cost of manufacture.

6. All advance payments upon the various periodicals to be paid over to me, less ten per cent.

7. I will agree to arrange with the editorial commission now existing, all matters relating to the editing of the various periodicals, with the exception of the Sunday-school periodicals—the editing of which is about to be provided for under a resolution of the General Synod. I will pay all salaries of editors. (This commission to be reappointed in case this plan is adopted, and their powers enlarged, so as to include all the periodicals.)

8. The contract to continue for ten years, unless sooner terminated by mutual consent. At the end of said contract, in case of non-renewal of same, I will deliver over to the Board or Synods all the periodicals and plates, and pay over all the advance payments upon the periodicals, less ten per cent.

9. All minor matters to be arranged upon the basis of right and fairness.

10. I will give ample security for a faithful performance of the contract.

11. The Synods to agree that they will neither start any new pa-

per or papers, nor endorse such during the continuance of this contract.

12. The Synods to agree to use their best efforts to encourage the circulation of the papers and books here referred to.

13. All acknowledgements of benevolent contributions, church notices, marriages and death notices to be published in *Messenger* without charge.

14. The Synods to select the Synodical editors, as heretofore.

(Signed)

DANIEL MILLER.

The Standing Committee on Publication to whom the foregoing report was referred, submitted the following report, which was taken up item by item and adopted.

The Committee on Publication offers the following report.

There were referred to us, the following documents: The report of the Board of Publication, embodying a report from the Superintendent, with certain statements and propositions; also the late proceedings of the Synod of Pittsburgh, and Synod of the Potomac, bearing on the subject. A paper from the Superintendent re-calling said propositions, also a letter from Mr. Daniel Miller, of Reading, Pa., containing certain propositions, relating to our Publications. An item from the Report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes of General Synod, and finally, an abstract from the late proceedings of the Synod of Pittsburgh, concerning our Sunday School Publications. After careful and earnest deliberation, we are enabled to offer the following Preamble and Resolutions:

Whilst the current work of our Publications in the past year was carried forward with success—as exhibited by the Report of the Board—the weight of indebtedness is of overshadowing power, setting all else into the background, therefore,

Resolved, (1.) That the Board of Publication, be and hereby is directed to sell the real estate and personal property of the establishment, except the Periodicals, copy-rights, stereotype plates, and pay the proceeds to the Rev. C. G. Fisher, to the full extent of his claim.

Resolved, (2.) That the Board be directed to employ the most vigorous measures for the collection of all outstanding dues, looking to the satisfaction of all legitimate claims.

Resolved, (3.) That this matter of the Editorship of the Messenger be referred to a commission from this Synod composed of our representatives in the Board of Publication, Messrs. Hensel, Reber and Durban, together with Revs. Dr. B. Bausman and Dr. T. G. Apple, who shall act in conjunction with similar commissioners from the Synode of the Potomac and Pittsburgh, and further that plenary power be hereby conferred on the said commission to act on all questions arising in the premises.

Resolved, (4.) That the Board have plenary power to lease the publishing of all the Periodicals, and books of the church upon the most advantageous terms.

Resolved, (5.) That the editing and preparation of our Sunday School papers, Sunday School lessons and Lesson-helpers be placed into the hands of the Sunday School Board of General Synod.

Resolved, (6.) That it is the sense of this Synod that all Sunday School Lessons and Lesson-Helpers be prepared so as to harmonize with the Church year, at least in so far as the festival-days of the Church are concerned.

Respectfully submitted.

ELI KELLER, *Chairman*.

The following instructions were given which were adopted :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to communicate officially the action of this Synod on the Publication interests to the Synods of Pittsburgh and Potomac, to the Board of Publication, and the Revs. Dr. B. Bausman and Dr. Thomas G. Apple as representatives elect, of the aforesaid commission.

PUBLISHING MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The undersigned hereby reports, that, in accordance with the instruction of Synod 2800 copies of the Minutes of Synod were published last year in the English, and 600 copies in the German Language. These were distributed among the Classes, in the proportions indicated in the statistical tables. The cost of publishing the English Minutes was \$282.82, or 10 cents per copy, and that of the German Minutes \$145.05, or 24 cents per copy.

JOHN P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

In regard to publishing the Minutes for the present year, the following resolution was adopted. *Resolved*, that the Stated Clerk

be directed to have published 3300 copies of the Acts and Proceedings of Synod, in the English Language, and also 500 circulars in the German Language, similar to the Classical circulars, giving information in brief of the business transacted, for distribution among the several Classes and Ministers of the Church.

Mr. George W. Hensel, of Quarryville, was re-elected a member of the Board Publication. The following persons of this Synod are members of the Board of Publication. Messrs. George Hensel, E. J. Durban and James T. Reber.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

East Susquehanna Classis has been divided in accordance with the instructions of Synod. The southern portion of its territory retains the old name, while the charges in the northern section, as defined by the boundary line, are embraced in the new Classis, known as the Classis of Wyoming.

The Rules of Order as amended by General Synod were adopted by this Synod in their amended form. For particulars see in the Report on the Minutes of General Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the fourth day of the sessions the President appointed Revs. Dr. I. K. Loos, W. H. H. Snyder and Elder D. B. Mauger a committee to hear excuses for leave of absence. The committee reported the applications made by members of Synod, and the requests were granted.

BETHANY ORPHANS' HOME.

The Report of the Bethany Orphans' Home was presented to Synod through its Committee on Overtures, and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. I. K. Loos, Rufus W. Miller, Thos. S. Land, and Elders Chas. Wagner and Wm. B. Fluck.

The Report of the Superintendent of the Bethany Orphans' Home is as follows, to wit:

To the Synod of the United States:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

I herewith take pleasure in presenting to your reverend

body a statement of the conditions and need of Bethany Orphans' Home.

The blessing of Almighty God has been richly upon us during the past year. Our work has been uninterrupted by death or even on account of serious sickness. The Reformed Church, in selecting the present site for this Home, evidently succeeded in securing a location which for healthfulness of climate, the abundance and purity of its water, can hardly be surpassed anywhere; and these two essentials taken in connection with the excellent building which the Church erected a few years ago, no doubt account, under the blessing of God, for the remarkable health of our large family.

There are at this present time 75 children in the Home; within the next week we expect to receive 5 more; besides these, several others have been admitted and applications for several more have been received, so that before long our family will number between 80 and 90 children.

Of the 75 now in the Home 1 is a full boarder, paying \$100 a year, and 3 pay \$50 a year each; the rest are the orphans of the Church and dependent upon it for support.

Our farm is in a good state of cultivation, and during the past year contributed its share to the support of the Home, although some of our crops were not as abundant as in some other years. This was the common experience of farmers in our vicinity.

The school session opened on September 1st, and is to continue for ten months. The school is divided into two departments, in charge of a male and a female teacher. At the last meeting of the Board of Managers, held October 6th, the Committee (of the Board) on "Instruction and Discipline," consisting of Rev. B. Bausman, D.D., of Reading, Pa., and Dr. J. Z. Gerhard, of Harrisburg, concluded their report as follows, after visiting the schools: "Your Committee believe that the general course of instruction and discipline is good, and that the tendency is in the direction of progress and efficiency." The children, as a rule, are in school only three-fourths of the day; the other fourth they work.

We hold morning family worship in the German language at 6 o'clock, evening worship, in the English language, at 6 o'clock; church services on Sunday forenoon, Sunday-school in the afternoon. The Heidelberg Catechism is taught in the week-day school, and dur-

ing the winter, on Friday evenings, the Superintendent lectures on the same. At the last Pentecostal season 14 orphans were confirmed.

We have during the past summer erected a wash-house, which is to meet a long-felt want. By this and on account of certain other improvements which we have made, the Board has incurred a debt of about sixteen or eighteen hundred dollars. So that, whilst our finances at the annual meeting in July were in a better condition than they were the previous year at the same time, we again feel constrained to ask Synod not only for its continued but for its increased support, and this not only on account of the aforementioned fact, but also on account of our constantly increasing family.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS M. YUNDT, *Superintendent.*

The special committee on Bethany Orphans' Home submitted the following report, which was considered, item by item, and adopted.

The report reads as follows, to wit:—

The Committee on Orphans' Home begs leave to offer the following report:

Only one document, the Report of the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home, together with an item in the Report of the Committee on Minutes of the General Synod, was placed in our hands. From the first, we learn that the Institution in its various departments of Family, School, Congregation and Farm, is in a prosperous condition. The Superintendent, Rev. Thos. M. Yundt, and his assistants deserve praise for their successful management of the Home, and the devotion they manifest for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the orphans entrusted to their care. Of the seventy-five orphans now in the Home all but four are wholly dependent on the charity of the Church for their support. The children are the Lord's; the Home is His; and the work heretofore performed in this charitable service has been owned and blessed of Him. The holy enterprise will continue to need the cordial sympathy and liberal financial support of the Church, and funds devoted to it are well bestowed.

The whole subject calls for encouraging action on the part of this Synod and the classes and congregations represented in it, and your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we cordially commend Bethany Orphans' Home to the continued liberality of the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod requests Classes to bring the Home to the attention of their people who are blessed with means and desire to give unto the Lord a portion of their substance, as an object worthy of liberal bequests.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC K. LOOS, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COLLEGES.

A number of documents, having reference to Colleges, were presented to Synod through the Committee on Overtures. These were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. F. W. Kremer, S. M. K. Huber, George P. Hartzell, Elders Wm. Moyer and I. C. Gerhart. The report of the Committee was presented on Tuesday, during the final session, and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

There were placed in the hands of your Committee, the following documents:

(1.) A letter from Prof. F. Wetzel, President of the College of Northern Illinois, asking of this Synod aid on behalf of that Institution, and accompanied by several copies of its catalogues.

(2.) A letter from Rev. D. B. Shuey, stating that there remain unpaid of Synod's pledge for "Wichita University" \$1570.42, and the interest on this balance from April 1st, 1887.

(3.) Two copies of the late catalogue of Ursinus College, 1886-1887.

(4.) One copy of the General Register of Franklin and Marshall College, and Annual Register of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., 1886-1887.

(5.) One copy of the late catalogue of the Allentown Female College, 1886-1887.

Your Committee considered the above items in their order.

(1.) The request of Prof. Wetzel. In his paper the Professor states that the College has a debt of about \$6000. To offset this, the College has notes, promises and bequests to the amount of \$3500. The property is worth \$7000 at least. But to save the Institution, they need for immediate use \$1500. Then, as an

endowment fund, the Professor proposes that \$20,000 be raised. But, first of all, \$1500 for immediate use, and appeals to this Synod for part of this amount. Your Committee, after carefully viewing and considering the case in all its phases and in connection with the many and large demands already made upon this Synod, agreed to submit to the Synod the following resolution:

Resolved. That this Synod cherishes for the College of Northern Illinois a hearty interest, and commends it to all our ministers and people for their encouragement and support.

(2.) In response to the request of the Rev. D. B. Shuey to this Synod, for the balance of its unpaid pledge on behalf of Wichita University, we offer the following action:

Resolved. That this Synod directs the Classes in arrears to Wichita University to pay their dues as soon as possible, and that their respective committees on this question be immediately notified by the Stated Clerk of Synod of this action.

(3.) Your Committee has learned from the catalogues of Ursinus College, Franklin and Marshall College, and Allentown Female College, that all three Institutions are in a flourishing condition, and take pleasure in commending them to the continued patronage and support of the Church.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. KREMER, *Chairman.*

ORIGIN OF REFORMED CHURCH IN GERMANY.

A book, entitled "Origin of the Reformed Church in Germany," was presented to Synod through its Committee on Overtures, whereupon the President appointed a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. J. A. Peters, Jno. H. Sechler, and Elder Jas. T. Reber, to whom this book was referred. The Committee reported the following action, which was adopted:

Your special Committee, to whom was referred a book entitled "The Origin of the Reformed Church in Germany," written by Rev. James I. Good, D. D., and published by Daniel Miller, by whom a copy has been presented to this Synod, beg leave to offer the following report, to wit:

The book is what its title purports the work to be, simply a history of the "Origin of the Reformed Church in Germany," covering a period of about one hundred years. The work has been

written in a plain, simple and truthful style, and on the period of our Church history, covered by the author, seems from a cursory examination, to be full of interesting material. There may be room in some statements for a difference of views, but, notwithstanding this fact, it is evident to your Committee that there seems to be an honest and faithful representation on the part of the author. The work meets a want in our Church history, in some features, not hitherto met by any other work of a like character. For these and other reasons, which might be given on a fuller examination of the book, we would, therefore, recommend that this history of the "Origin of the Reformed Church in Germany," be cordially commended to our pastors and people. We would further suggest that with the adoption of this paper the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the publisher for a copy of this work, and further that the said copy be placed in the archives of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. PETERS, *Chairman.*

THE STUDY OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE.

In connection with the consideration of this subject brought to the attention of Synod at the service on Saturday evening, when the topic of Church work was being discussed, the following resolutions were offered in open session on Tuesday, and unanimously adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That we as a Synod, in view of the wide-spread discussion upon the subject of Bible Study in educational institutions, and the evident fitness and wisdom of such study having a place in the curriculum of Seminaries and Colleges, record our full and hearty approval of the endeavors now being made in this direction.

2. *Resolved*, That we earnestly request our Reformed Educational Institutions to consider the claims of the study of the English Bible, either as optional or required courses of study.

3. *Resolved*, That we learn with pleasure of the efforts made by the Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., in the direction of the study of the English Bible.

PERSONAL LIBERTY LEAGUE.

In the consideration of the foregoing subject Synod adopted the following action :

Resolved, That the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in annual session assembled in the Reformed Church at Sunbury, Pa., hereby places upon record its solemn protest against the encroachments of the so-called "Personal Liberty League" upon the sanctity and observance of the American Christian Sabbath.

Resolved, further, That said Synod hereby calls upon all liberty-loving and law-abiding citizens, strenuously and persistently,—from a regard for the law and honor of God, the purity of the Church, the safety of homes, and the weal of our Commonwealth,—to oppose and resist by all Christian and lawful means, these encroachments, as well as any other attacks upon the Lord's Day, which we recognize as one of the bulwarks of our Christian civilization.

INTEMPERANCE.

The following is the action adopted by Synod with respect to the evils of Intemperance:

Resolved, That we view with profound regret and sorrow the great evil of Intemperance, and especially its sad and deadly fruits—crime, poverty, and temporal and eternal death; and that we here and now, before God and the nation, record our protest against it, and earnestly call upon our Synods, Classes and Churches to unite with us in zealous and persistent Christian efforts looking towards its speedy extermination.

REPORT ON SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The twelfth item in the Report on Minutes of General Synod, touching this subject, was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Jno. H. Sechler and Elder Samuel Klopp, who presented the following report during the afternoon session on Monday, which was adopted. The report is as follows:

Report of the Committee to whom was referred the matter of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows:—

The following points express in brief, the judgment of your Committee as to the grounds of action—

1. The Reformed Church is bound by the spirit of the Gospel to

provide an adequate support for all ordained ministers of the Word, who are engaged in the faithful service of the Church, or who have become disabled in this faithful service.

2. For every minister in active service such support is provided by the pastoral charge, or mission committed to him.

3. Ministers who have given strength and life to active service in the office of the ministry, when they become disabled by age or otherwise, and have not the financial resource adequate to their needs, are entitled to support for themselves and their families, to be provided in some other way.

4. The most efficient method now in use for the purpose of accomplishing this end, is the organization of the fathers of the Reformed Church in the United States, established in the early part of this century, known as the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

5. This Society ought to aim at forming a fund of not less than \$100,000, to the end that all the needy widows of deceased ministers, and all disabled ministers who have no adequate income, might receive an annuity answerable to their needs.

On these grounds the following action is proposed :

1. It is recommended to every Classis, that at its ensuing annual meeting, the matter of the support of ministers' widows and disabled ministers by means of this Relief Society receive special consideration.

2. Synod requests every Classis to adopt measures, largely to increase the resources of the Relief Society by giving full information to our membership, and by affording every congregation an opportunity to contribute.

3. Synod re-affirms the action of the Synod of Pottstown, 1884, which named the third Sunday of June, of each year, to be set apart for the purpose of presenting this important matter to all congregations.

Respectfully submitted.

EM'L V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

THE REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations had the following papers referred to them, viz.: Communications from the President of the

Board of Trustees of Synod ; from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College ; from the Stated Clerks of the Potomac and the Pittsburgh Synods ; items from the Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary ; and from the Report of the Committee on the Board of Publication. By means of these referred papers, the Committee was enabled to present its Report of Nominations on Friday, at the afternoon session. The report was adopted. Instructions were given to the Stated Clerk to have a sufficient number of tickets printed for the use of Synod. The election was made the order of the day on Tuesday morning. The President appointed the Elders C. M. Bower, John W. Bickel, Prof. Wm. Moyer, D. B. Mauger, George Silvius, and Philip Williard, as tellers, who received the ballots, and reported the results of the election to the President.

The members elected on the respective Boards will be found noted in each case in its appropriate place.

The vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College have been filled by the election of R. H. Sayre, F. Schroder and Henry Wirt.

The President appointed Revs. Rufus W. Miller, D. W. Gerhard, George B. Resser and Elder George W. Hensel to report the proceedings of Synod to the secular papers.

When the Report of the Committee on Colleges was under consideration, brief addresses were made by Rev. Prof. J. S. Stahr, Wm. M. Reily and Henry T. Spangler, in regard to the prosperous condition of our Educational Institutions.

At the Missionary Service held on Monday evening, Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, delivered the charge to Rev. D. B. Schneder, who was solemnly commissioned by Dr. D. Van Horne, the President of the Board, as a Foreign Missionary to the Empire of Japan. Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, the returned missionary, spoke very encouragingly in regard to our mission-work in that country.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That Synod hereby tenders its sincere thanks to the pastor, members and friends of the First Reformed Church, of Sunbury, for the generous entertainment furnished its members during its sessions, and that said pastor be requested to read this action from his pulpit.

Resolved, That Synod returns thanks to the officers of such railroads as furnished reduced rates of fare to its delegates, and also to Mr. Ira F. Clement for the free use of his boats on the river during its sessions, and that the Stated Clerk is hereby instructed to communicate the same to the officers of the said railroads, and to Mr. Clement for the privileges granted.

The Synodical roll was then called finally, and no one was found absent without permission. The Minutes were then read finally and approved.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the next annual sessions of the Synod be held in the Reformed Church of the Ascension, at Norristown, Pa., on Wednesday, the tenth (10th) day of October, A. D., 1888, at 7.30 P. M.

Synod adjourned with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, prayer, the doxology, and the Apostolic benediction by the President.

D. EARNEST KLOPP,
President.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

Attest: JNO. P. STEIN,
Stated Clerk.

CLASIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

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Robt. Lisberger,	St. Peter's,	2	170	50	28			126			4	2	180		54 00	700 00	12	12	Bath, do do
Martin A. Smith,	Dryland,	2	600	300	30			3 400 2			12	2	200		175 00	800 00	4	5	Nazareth, do do
T. C. Porter, D. D., L.L.D.	Prof. in Lafayette Col.																	do do do	
Daniel Y. Helster, D.D.,	Without charge,																	do do do	
T. O. Stem,	St. Mark's,	1	348	153	34		22	14	270 5	16	7	1	380		131 00	1500 00	7	do	do do do
Thomas A. Haber,	Bangor,	3	205	80	17	1	9	13	150 2		9	2	172		76 00	1973 00	10		Bangor, Northampton do
Joseph E. Freeman,	Weisport,	4	665	475	25		30	7	408 7		26	7	285		187 00	1070 00	12		Weisport, Carbon do
John J. Crist,	Without charge,																	Cataqua, Lehigh do	
J. E. Smith,	Moore Township,	3	715	510	24		28	2	532 2		23	4	400	4	173 00	1500 00	4	6	Bath, Northampton do
James W. Mabry,	Kreidersville,	2	750	566	54		71	3	560		21	6	480		550 00	1400 00	8	4	Cherryville, do do
Geo. W. Kerechmer,	Stroudsburg,	3	307	120	16	1	1	1	205		5	4	195		66 00	1035 00	10	2	Stroudsburg, Monroe do
Frank W. Smith,	Pleasant Valley,	2	494	334	29	1	10		261		8	2	230		101 00	943 00	6	2	Gilbert's, do do
A. R. Thompson,	Mount Bethel,	3	426	269	25	2	22	2	335 3		11	3	125	1	68 00	1035 00	17	1	Stone Church, Northampton do
H. M. Kieffer,	34 st. Rd. Easton, Pa.	1	464	225	10	2	16	14	372 4		13	1	408	1	3375 00	3877 00	14		Easton, do do
John Kreizing,	Brookheadsville,	4	600	300	51		20	3	380 3		25	4	300		198 00	950 00	12	1	Brondheadsville, Monroe do
Jos. H. Schlappig,	Kreegeville,	4	70	100	49	7	3				3	3	200		1			1	Weisport, Carbon do
Geo. E. Smith,	Tannersville,	4	384	310	65	5	23	4	283 2		19	4	277		63 00	581 00	17		Tannersville, Monroe do
Wilson F. More,	Cataqua,	1	205	125	19	24	39	157	1	48	10	1	180		110 00	900 00	10	2	Cataqua, Lehigh do
J. O. Lindaman,	Bath,	1	286	91	12	1	22	6	209 3	2	4	1	174		102 00	933 00	7		Bath, Northampton do
C. W. Levan,	Grace Chapel,	1	118	90	16	7	9	98			1	1	118		52 00	695 00	6		Easton, do do
L. K. Loos, D.D., supply	Rittersville,	1	137	105	14	21	2	110 2			6	1	70		60 00	190 00	4	2	Bethlehem, do do
N. Z. Snyder, supply,	Freemansburg,	1	165	90	12	11	7	136 2			8	2	115		94 00	380 00	8	2	South Bethlehem, do do
J. E. Smith, supply,	Bushkill Centre,	1	118	56	6	10		75 2			1		50		90 00	175 00			Bath, Northampton do
Charles Becker,	Without charge,																	do do do	
Hornee Daniel,	do																	Nazareth, do do	
W. D. C. Rodrock,	Engaged in Bible W'rk																	Paterson, New Jersey. do	
J. G. Neff,	Without charge,																	Bangor, Northampton do	
H. K. Binkley,	Ag't. for "Messenger,"																	Reading, Berks do	
Thos. M. Balliet, Lic.,	Supt. of schs. Read'g Pa																	do do do	
T. A. Fenstermaker, Lic.																		1418 Euclid Ave., Phila., do	
A. F. Kroust, Lic.,																		Mt. Bethel, Northampton do	
C. B. Stover, Lic.,																		Easton, do do	
Samuel H. Phillips,																		Johnsonville do	
53 9886 6024 690 17 454 170 7208 68													0 93 273 66 5779	9 \$12107 00 \$29567 00	182	44			

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MINISTERS.		CHARGES.		Members.		Unconfr'd.		Infants.		Adults.		Confirmed.		Certificate.		Command.		Dismissed.		Excom.		Eras. of N.		Deaths.		S. Schols.		B. S. Schols.		Stu. for M.		Contributions.			M. of Synod.		PORT-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
				Confes.																																			
Daniel Feete,		Without charge,		1 360		25		15		2		13		9		350		6		12		2		1		420											Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.		
J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.		President Ursinus Col.		1 106		50		7		0		0		14		84		1		2		4		1		109											Collegeville, do do		
Henry W. Super, D.D.		Prof. in Ursinus Col.,		1 242		25		7		2		9		15		187		3		2		2		1		375											do do		
Peter S. Davis, D.D.		Editor "The Mes'r.,"																																			907 Arch St., Phila., Pa.		
Abraham Romich,		Without charge,																																			Philadelphia, Pa.		
Charles W. Schultz,		do																																			Camden, New Jersey.		
D. Ernest Klopp, D.D.		Trinity, Phila.,		1 205		45		0		3		10		2		200		1		60		3		1		150											1541 N. 7th St., Phila., Pa.		
Geo. H. Johnston,		Ch. of the Strangers,		1 220		60		6		0		4		12		180		3				6		1		150											33 Saunders Ave., do		
David Van Horne, D.D.,		First Church,																																			1520 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.		
Charles G. Fisher,		Sup. Ref. Ch. Pub. Bd.																																			907 Arch St., Phila., Pa.		
J. B. Shumaker, D.D.,		St. Luke's, Trappe,																																			Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.		
James Crawford,		Christ Church,																																			1106 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.		
John O. Johnson,		Without charge,																																			Washington, D. C.		
Josiah D. Detrich,		Prof. Sheboygan Mf. H.		1 200		0		6		5		9		3		163				3		1		160													Franklin, Sheboygan Co., Wis.		
do do supply,		Union C., Whitmarsh		1 175		0		5		4		10		3		151		9		5		1		224													Flourtown, Mont. Co., Pa.		
Silas P. Mauger,		St. Luke's, N. Wales,		2 106		40		8		5		13		13		92		3		1		2		135													do do		
John H. Seehler,		Pleasant & Phoenixville		1 230		117		6		3		6		3		208		6		2		4		1		106											Phoenixville, Chester do		
Uriah Weidner,		Boehm's,																																			Centre Square, Mont. do		
Henry T. Spaegler,		Fin. Agt. Ursinus Col.		1 317		76		9		8		8		2		218		1		8		1		100													Collegeville, do do		
James I. Good,		Pleasantville,		1 583		186		33		22		48		4		527		10		5		1		825		2											Mont. Square, do do		
S. Reid B. Denbaugh,		Heidelberg,		1 270		120		21		4		20		8		245		1		3		1		300													1515 N. 19th St., Phila., Pa.		
David W. Ebbert,		Ascension,		2 252		70		15		4		5		14		214		3		6		2		339													Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.		
Edward D. Wetach,		E. Vincent & Sp. Chy		2 221		35		9		16		20		11		203		1		7		1		232													Spring City, Chester Co., Pa.		
Silas F. Laury,		St. Matthew's,																																			Anaselm, do do		
do		Without charge		1 133		22		8		3		12		21		114		2		7		1		232													Hellertown, do		
Solomon U. Snyder,		Groce,		3 393		100		3		22		35		10		335		3		8		3		370		2											1011 W. Huntingdon st. Phila		
James W. M. Minger,		Brownback's,		1 84		70		11		0		0		2		62		5		8		1		106													Vincent, Chester Co., Pa.		
do		St. John's, Del.		2 177		55		4		0		0		2		119		6		4		2		122															
do		St. Vincent & Lim's Sta.		1 83		13		0		0		0		1		72		1		18		3		1		175													
do		Trinity, Norristown,																																					
do		Eastern Shore of Md.,																																					
do		Viola Mission,		1 37		28		34		10		15		22		37				2		1		135															
do		Bethel Mission,																																					
Total. 26				29 438		1137		207		113		237		211		3761		65		1112		74		26		4728		4		\$5744		00		\$44977		00		233	

At the annual meeting Rev. John O. Johnson was dismissed to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac, and Rev. James W. Meringer to Lancaster Classis. At the same meeting Classis licensed Silas L. Meisinger, John A. Mertz, and James B. May. A call to Licentiate John A. Mertz from St. Vincent and Limerick Station Charge was confirmed. He has since been ordained and installed. His P. O. address is Linfield, Montgomery Co., Pa. Licentiate S. L. Meisinger was dismissed to Carlisle Classis, Synod of Potomac, and Licentiate J. B. May to Lebanon Classis. Since the annual meeting Rev. D. W. Ebbert has been dismissed to Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio (P. O. address, Dayton, O.); Lic. J. Van Haagen, D.D., to Sheboygan Classis, Northwest Synod, and Rev. S. F. Laury to Lancaster Classis. (P. O. address, Marietta, Pa.)

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

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1887.

* Rev. James W. Meminger became pastor July 1, 1887. Resigned June 16, 1887; Rev. Silas F. Laury has since taken charge. Reassigned to Lebanon Classis.

Students for the Ministry.

JOHN F. MOYER.
ALFRED M. MCNABBER.
(REV. KINGO KANEKO.
CHABLES B. MCNEEDEN.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dissatisfied.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S.S.Sch'l'rs.	Stu. Min'y.	Contributions.		Min. of Sytol.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.										Benef.	P'rposes.	Congr.	P'rposes.		Eng.	Ger.
Rudolph Duenger, D.D.	Ashland,	1	300	240	41	2	11	5	266	1			14	1	222		\$100 00	\$800 00	2	3	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Aaron R. Hottenstine,	Mahanoy,	4	308	188	52	1	16		249				4	5	195		111 00	941 00	6	6	Mahanoy, Northumberland do
William G. Engle,	Uniontown,	6	800	275	74	1	41	2	580	10			26	6	590		189 00	7590 00	8	6	Pillow, Dauphin do
Geo. B. Dechant,	Numidia,	5	472	360	45	1	19	42	378				17	5	250		172 00	730 00	15	5	Catawissa, Columbia do
Jacob B. Kerschner,	Millersburg,	3	425	210	14			11	325	4			7	3	250		195 00	935 00	4	3	Millersburg, Dauphin do
Thomas J. Hacker,	Shamokin,	1	560	490	145	9	42	26	512	6		2	14	1	460		447 00	1672 00	12	3	Shamokin, Northumberland do
William B. Sandoe,	Ringtown,	4	205	195	32		15		200				5	4	300		50 00	435 00	6	3	Ringtown, Schuylkill do
George P. Hartzel,	Augusta,	6	506	352	41	1	19	12	413	4			10	6	166		240 00	3240 00	24	2	Sunbury, Northumberland do
Samuel Kuhn,	Berryburg,	6	348	190	28	1	18		265				2	5	263		84 00	576 00	6	6	Elizabethville, Dauphin do
John Calvin Leinbach,	Sunbury,	1	305	140	20		12	34	280	8		1	17	1	200		312 00	1486 00	10	5	Sunbury, Northumberland do
John C. Glantz,	Deep Creek,	5	264	236	53		9		230				6	5	250		85 00	650 00	5	5	Hegins, Schuylkill do
Joshua H. Derr,	Catawissa,	1	114	58	14	4	19	9	104	4			4	1	75		102 00	828 00	10	6	Catawissa, Columbia do
Albert S. Stauffer,	Line Mountain,	4	256	134	5		27		181				4	4	140		15 00	62 00	6	6	Greenbrier, Northumberland do
Julius C. J. Kariz,	Without charge,																				Allentown, Lehigh do
A. R. Hottenstine, sup.,	David's congregation,	1	67	50	13		7		51				1	1	45		4 00	66 00	2	2	Mahanoy, Northumberland do
Total. 14.		48	4930	3118	577	20	255	141	4028	37		3	131	48	3406		\$2106 00	\$20011 00	116	41	

I hereby certify, that the above is a correct copy of the statistics of East Susquehanna Classis.

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, Stated Clerk.

CLASSES OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commun'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. Sch'l's.	Stu. for M.	Contributions.		Min. o' Synod.	Co. Pa.	
					Infants.	Adults.										Benev. Purp.	Cong. Purp.			
William H. Groh,	Boalsburg,	4	335	250	17	1	14	12	320	9		8	3	3	210		\$175 00	\$2600 00	12	3
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,	Supt. Pub. Inst.																			Boalsburg, Centre
William W. Clouser,	White Deer,	3	346	240	41	3	23	4	330	2		9	3	3	225	1	133 00	700 00	24	6
William A. Haas,	Selinsgrove,	4	415	395	40	11	11	408	3			16	4	325	2		325 00	1000 00	7	2
William M. Landis,	Beaver Springs,	5	567	452	29	38	506					5	5	285	1		190 00	1375 00	40	2
John F. De Long,	Lewisburg,	1	260	96	22	13	14	220	7			2	1	200	1		308 00	1175 00	18	1
William R. Yearick,	Superannuated,																			Lewisburg, Union
S. Penrose Brown,	Liverpool,	6	225	150	30	1	27		199			1	5	150			50 00	600 00		1
David O. Shoemaker,	Nittany,	6	295	200	26	12	6	290	8			3	10	4	270		150 00	975 00	10	2
Tilghman R. Dietz,	New Berlin,	5	346	220	14	3	7	3	298	7			5	5	265		215 00	2645 00	25	3
Zwingli A. Yearick,	Aaronsburg,	4	330	226	20	12	6	260	8				3	4	215	2	233 00	2316 00	12	3
George W. Gerhard,	Lock Haven,	2	160	100	29	4	17	4	112	3		2	11	1	200		97 00	821 00	8	4
Daniel H. Leader,	St. John's, Williamsport,	1	140	55	5	4	11	15	105	8		6	1	1	135		147 00	1360 00	12	3
Thomas S. Land,	Centre Hall,	4	283	124	18	4	6	5	249	4			6	4	229	2	207 00	923 00	18	2
William E. Hoy,	For. Miss'y in Japan,																			Centre Hall, Centre
John Dotterer,	Rebersburg,	5	324	246	24	2	20	8	297	5		5	5	348	1		301 00	725 00	18	2
Lewis D. Steckel,	Mifflinburg,	3	460	180	19	11	19	420	5			5	3	288			311 00	1126 00	22	3
Wm. H. H. Snyder,	Belleville,	2	211	80	11	1	25	15	190			2	2	150			450 00	1067 00	15	3
Total, 18		55	1691	2988	345	23	247	111	4214	69		11	89	50	3525	10	\$3295 00	\$19348 00	241	23

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Bapt's.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch's.	Stu. for M.	Contributions.		Eng.	Ger.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.											Benef. Purp.	Cong. Purp.			
C. Z. Weiser,	New Goshenhoppen,	2	1000	500	51	1	51	3	958	6			22	2	520		\$938 00	\$ 872 00	8	8	East Greenville, Montg. Co., Pa.
L. Kryder Evans,	Trinity, Pottstown,	1	700	675	74	4	35	18	650	3		10	57	3	651		454 00	2250 00	15	1	Pottstown, do
L. J. Mayer,	Boyertown,	3	900	841	52	3	43	11	820	6		34	32	3	306		320 00	1240 00	8	8	Boyertown, Berks do
A. L. Dechant,	Old Goshenhoppen,	4	700	306	47	7	55	12	640	5		7	19	4	500	1	287 00	1400 00	8	16	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
S. M. K. Huber,	Wentz's,	3	726	370	15	10	19		670	12		24	3	400		290 00		12	4	Skippackville, do	
Eli Keller,	Zionsville,	4	960	600	58	2	96	2	825	4		32	4	480	1	477 00	1813 00	7	15	Zionsville, Lehigh do	
L. S. Stahl,	Oley,	4	685	380	40	2	34	2	570	3		18	5	250		205 00	5948 00	12	4	Oley, Berks do	
C. H. Herbst,	Pottstown,	2	490	400	48	3	31	16	390	5		27	2	400	1	105 00	2100 00	10	3	Pottstown, Montgomery do	
C. S. Wietand,	Zion's (Pottstown),	1	209	135	20	1	7	18	147			7	1	130		94 00	1207 00	10	3	do do	
P. P. A. Hoffman,	Hill and Lobach,	2	350	200	18			1	300	6		15	3	140			800 00	3	4	Reading, Berks do	
John H. Leinbach, sup- Robert C. Weaver, do	Amityville, Chestnut Hill Cong., Trinity, Bechtelsville,	1 1 1	275 92 35	200 56 20	18 7 3	9 9 1	83 30 36	1 1 85	250 83 6333	2 52		6 5 17	2 1 266	1 50		62 00 25 00 \$3257 00	950 00 150 00 21230 00	5 3 103	2 2 68	do do Coopersburg, Lehigh do	

CLASSIS OF TOBIKON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infants.	Bapt's	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command'd	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Stu. Min'y.	Contributions.	Min. of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Adults.											Benev. Purp.	Conf. Purp.	Eng.	Ger.
David Rothrock,	Durham,	2	625	306	39	6	25	8	504	3	4	15	5	200	1	\$230 00	\$750 00	18	2
S. K. Gross,	Ridge Valley,	2	352	256	18	17	6	322	4		13	2	79			28 00	579 00	7	5
Amandus F. Ziegler,	Keller's,	2	276	190	14	1	16	14	254	7	13	11	2	150		69 00	800 00	10	4
Levi C. Sheip,	Doylestown,	1	125	80	7	4	8	5	110		5		1	90		50 00	450 00	6	
Jacob Kebm,	Indian Creek,	2	800	475	35	1	14	2	712	5		36	4	300		302 00	1654 00	10	
Nathaniel Z. Snyder,	South Bethlehem,	2	398	275	52	37	10	298	8		21	16	3	335	1	215 00	975 00	12	4
Franklin J. Mohr,	Quakertown,	3	595	260	23	3	18	11	532	22	11	15	3	350	1	341 00	1714 00	12	6
James G. Dengler,	Sellersville,	4	486	175	15	6	19	12	462	11	6	5	150			350 00	6857 00	13	6
Robt. C. Weaver,	Friedensville,	3	637	445	71	3	97	7	592	3	4	33	11	370		158 00	900 00	9	9
A. B. Koplin, D.D.,	Lower Saucon,	2	623	361	16	21	4	505	1		8	5	4	355	3	511 00	1205 00	12	4
H. F. Seiple,	Hilltown,	2	391	204	13	5	15	12	383	2	2	2	160			184 00	746 00	12	4
B. B. Ferer,	Riegelsville,	1	252	150	10	4	8	6	225	6	2	1	267			801 00	11519 00	13	8
J. J. Rothrock,	Lansdale,	1	138	76	10	7	9	25	135		5	1	301			68 00	988 00	8	
Milton H. Mill,	South Easton,	1	200	152	12	16	14	148	2		5	5	198			126 00	1033 00	7	
Jacob G. Dubbs,	Springfield,	3	435	205	11	2	40	284	2		7	4	150			142 00	818 00	8	4
H. A. Bomberger, Lic.,	Tinicum,	3	362	129	2		8	197	5		74	4	3	153		37 00	548 00	15	
D. F. Brendle, supply,	New Williams,	1	140	70	4			93	2		5					15 00	325 00	3	1
		96	6735	3909	352	42	329	136	5759	83	145	180	92	3606	6	\$3070 00	\$25668 00	171	55
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Since the Annual Meeting of Classis, Lie. H. A. Bomberger was ordained, and installed as pastor of the Tinicum Charge.—S. Clerk.

SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's.		Confirmed.	Commun'd.	Excom.	Burialrs.	Deaths.	S. Schols.	S. Schols.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	Ger.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf's.	Adults.									Benev.	Purp's.				Comp's.	Eng.
A. S. Leinbach, D. D., Jacob Kline, Chas. F. McCauley, D. D., Benj. Bauman, D. D., Henry A. Keyser, F. W. Dechant, Henry Leisner, Henry Mosser, Jno. W. Steinmetz, Allen R. Bartholomew, J. J. Fisher, Percy Y. Schelly, W. Donat, J. Alvin Reber, Geo. A. Zellers, Calvin S. Gerhard, Oliver H. Strunck, W. D. Donat, George W. Roth, I. E. Graeff, Rufus W. Miller, M. H. Mishler, supply, M. H. Mishler, supply, S. A. Leinbach, supply, J. J. Fisher, supply, J. J. Fisher, supply,	Schwartzwald, 24 Church, Reading, St. Paul's Mem., Rdg., St. Paul's, Mahanoy C., Orwigsburg, 1st Church, Reading, St. John's, Reading, Trinity, Pottsville, Trinity, Tamaqua, New Jerusalem, St. Mark's, Pinegrove, St. Stephen's, St. John's, Trinity, Shenandoah, Hamburg, St. John's, Asst. to C. F. McCauley, D. D., 1st Church, Pottsville, Minersville, Leesport, Christ Church, St. Peter's,	5 1470 1 610 1 690 1 640 5 580 1 1000 1 525 1 307 1 200 3 811 2 206 4 435 1 234 1 320 1 317 3 499 1 265 1 172 1 99 2 340 1 125 1 40	615 300 330 500 480 900 400 200 130 650 131 260 150 210 300 275 235 76 70 175 90 30	132 29 35 67 23 75 45 23 14 55 20 36 33 18 29 40 23 26 7 12 17 16 10	1 2 3 2 5 5 1 1 1 2 1 1 4 3 3 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 1	51 42 31 48 13 109 124 14 15 40 9 15 29 27 26 40 17 15 12 11 13 13 10	1 1423 19 450 16 552 15 575 420 13 990 14 330 11 227 2 185 5 520 5 163 3 321 29 191 8 278 13 210 21 429 2 226 2 123 1 79 1 290 1 110 1 35	8 2 2 5 2 4 14 1 2 2 1 1 1 4 4 3 3 1 1 1 1 1	60 18 17 20 12 33 23 2 5 9 2 9 5 2 15 10 17 10 8 9 7 7	8 630 2 590 2 549 1 500 5 450 1 931 1 460 1 260 1 160 7 389 6 1 200 4 425 4 1 400 1 280 1 240 3 265 1 155 1 130 1 100 2 175 1 175 1 35	\$264 95 1 00 2802 00 2002 30 275 00 124 00 580 00 152 00 202 00 109 00 243 00 36 00 30 00 99 27 325 00 58 00 111 48 73 00 22 50 105 00 2000 00 938 25 938 25	\$1200 00 3579 94 28174 33 1600 00 1000 00 8307 00 2500 00 2200 00 925 00 1571 00 2295 00 774 00 1008 00 1550 00 1175 00 2143 00 1600 00 938 25 2000 00 938 25 938 25	10 16 13 6 5 15 12 12 6 10 8 4 6 10 8 14 3 6 3 10 10 10 17 56	5 45 N. 4th St., Reading, Pa. 1 Schuylkill Haven, Pa. Reading, Pa. Reading, Pa. 6 Mahanoy City, Pa. Reading, Pa. 5 Orwigsburg, Pa. 611 Washington St., Reading, Pa. 2911 Chestnut St., Reading, Pa. 5 N. 6th St., Pottsville, Pa. 6 Tamaqua, Pa. Sanford, Pa. 10 Schuylkill Haven, Pa. Cressona, Pa. 4 Pinegrove, Pa. 508 N. 9th St., Reading, Pa. Schuylkill Haven, Pa. 2 Shenandoah, Pa. Hamburg, Pa. 6 Tamaqua, Pa. Reading, Pa. 6 Minersville, Pa.					
Total, 21.		39 9885	6537	762 30	612 156	8177 59	44 305	45 7289	6 57615	50 544630	52 177	56							

• Second Reformed Church Sunday-school Scholars, 453; Jno. Ermentrout Mission, 127. Total, 580.

† St. Paul's Memorial Sunday-school Scholars, 424; St. Andrew's Mission, 195. Total, 649.

‡ First Reformed Church Sunday-school Scholars, 831; St. Mark's Mission, 100. Total, 931.

§ St. Andrew's Sunday-school, Cong. Purposes, \$23.69 is included in the \$3174.33.

W. H.—Rev. P. Y. Schelly has been dismissed to the Presbytery of S. Florida.

Minersville and Pottsville have been constituted a charge, to be known as the Pottsville charge, and Rev. M. H. Mishler has been installed as the Pastor.

CLASSIS OF WYOMING.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command'd.	Excom.	Kreasures.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	R. S. Sch'ls.	Stu. for M.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.										Ben'v. Purp's.	Con'g. Purp's.	Reg.	Ger.		
Alfred Houts,	Orangeville,	4	328	140	11	2	6	7	309	11	5	10	4	200		\$213 00	\$970 00	8		Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa.	
Franklin K. Levan,	Wilkes-Barre,	1	420	390	44		31	11	300	1	16	9	1	200		76 00	1600 00	5	5	Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne do	
Sebastian C. Meckel,	Plymouth,	1	96	79	22		6	7	65	4					65	29 00	385 00	2	3	Plymouth, do	
Stephen Sidney Kohler,	Waywallopen,	4	368	156	34	1	18	1	323			20	4	355	1	189 00	864 00	24	2	Bellevue, do	
A. M. Maesenheimer,	Weatherly,	2	300	200	54		40	10	240	7	3	37	1	250		60 00	900 00	2	2	Weatherly, Carbon do	
Charles H. Matschler,	Overton,	3	161	100	6		1	140				7	2	125	1	28 00	1200 00	3	1	Dueshore, Sullivan do	
Joseph H. Hunabarger,	Christ Church,	1	90	30		1	2	70	1						74	22 00	520 00	5	5	Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.	
Francis C. Yost,	Milton,	1	325	119	13	3	14	11	305	8	2	6	1	334		205 00	1332 00	8	8	Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa.	
John A. Peters,	Danville,	3	375	125	21	7	23	22	343	8	1	8	3	300		301 00	3368 00	20	4	Danville, Montour do	
D. E. Schoedler,	Mt. Zion,	3	463	244	38	6	44	20	340	5	86	12	3	275		246 00	1200 00	18	4	Turbutville, North'ber'd do	
George S. Sorber,	Paradise,	3	498	172	16	3	39	33	443	2		8	3	475		242 00	8044 00	15	6	McEwenville, North'ber'd do	
L. C. Edmonds,	Freeland,	1	308	300	34		4	36	22	259	1	17	1	262		2414 00	2414 00	6	6	Freeland, Luzerne do	
John S. Wagner,	Bloomsburg,	1	190	111		6			6	155		9	9	150		274 00	1260 00	10	2	Bloomsburg, Columbia do	
Jacob B. Kerschner,	Conyngham,	4	625	400	57	2	27	1	540			22	4	300		265 00	2300 00	8	2	Conyngham, Luzerne do	
Alfred Houts, supply,	Brier Creek, Col. Co., supply,	1	31	20	11			2	30							18 00	75 00	2	2	Orangeville, Columbia do	
D. E. Schoedler, supply,	Heller, Col. Co., supply,	1	120			2	1	85				4	1	70		39 00	200 00	6	6	Turbutville, North'ber'd do	
		34	4701	2586	369	40	286	334	3947	48		128	160	31	3435	2	\$2097 00	\$26832 00	142	23	

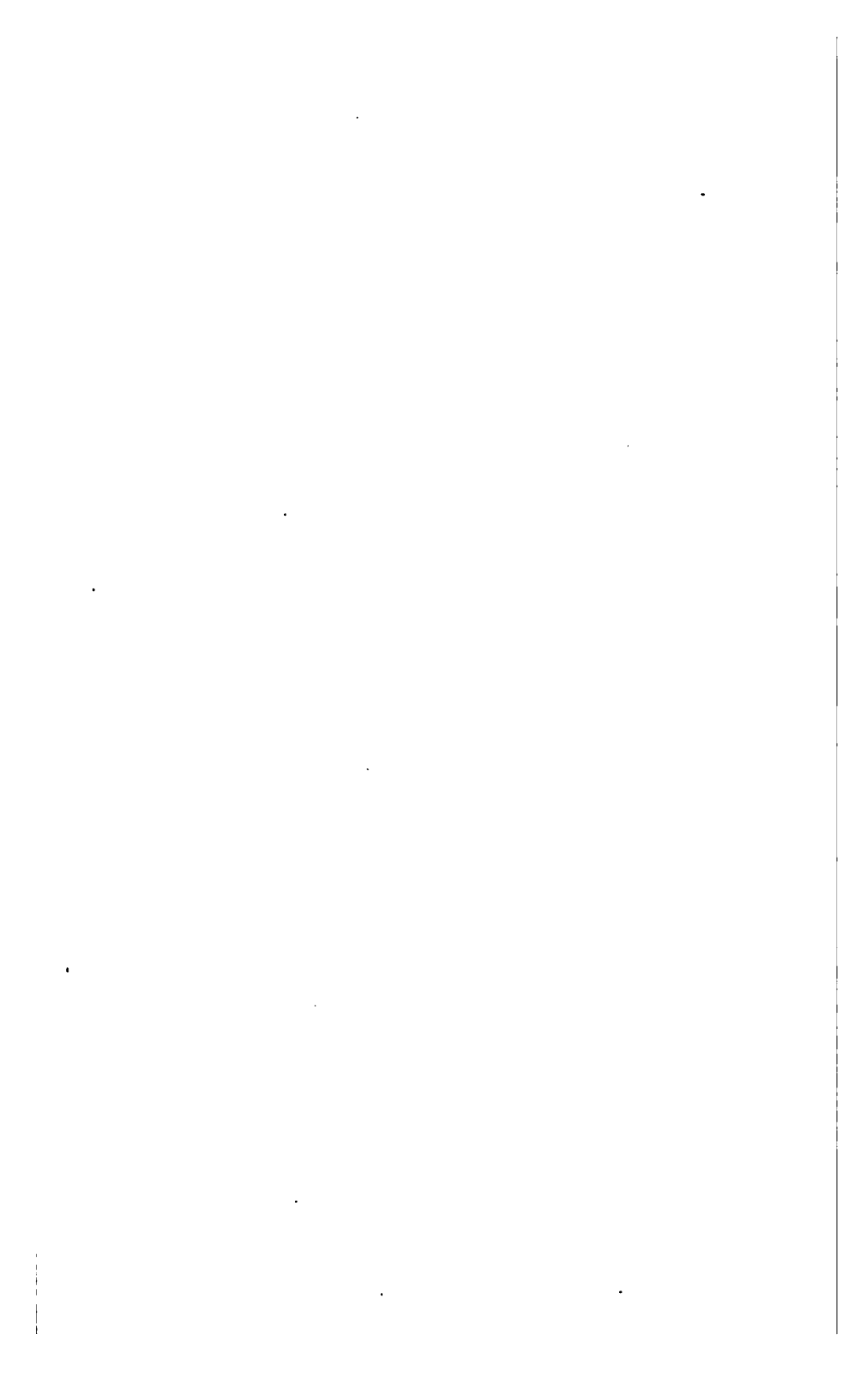
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

NAME OF CLASSES.	Minist'rs.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconf'd Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Commun'd.	Dismiss'd.	Excom.	Bread.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Schol'rs.	Stud'ns for the Min.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	
					Infants.	Adults.	Conf'd.	Certifi'ed.									Benev. Purp.	Congre'l Purp.	Bkg.	Ger.
East Pennsylvania,	29	53	9886	6024	690	17	454	170	7208	68	0	93	273	66	5779	9	\$12107 00	\$29567 00	182	44
Lebanon,	24	50	10428	6875	619	45	512	129	8688	269	3	50	312	68	6257	4	4428 00	37389 00	165	75
Philadelphia,	26	29	4388	1137	207	113	237	211	3761	65	1	112	74	26	4728	4	5744 00	44977 00	233	
Lancaster,	25	40	5027	2228	200	96	208	144	3862	76	0	20	130	32	3384	5	6659 00	24397 00	176	13
East Susquehanna,	14	48	4930	3118	577	20	265	141	4028	37	0	3	131	46	3406	0	2106 00	20011 00	116	41
West Susquehanna,	18	55	4691	2988	345	23	247	111	4214	60	0	11	89	50	3525	10	3295 00	19348 00	241	23
Goshenhoppen,	10	29	8022	4577	448	36	389	85	6333	52	0	17	266	33	4020	4	3257 00	21230 00	163	68
Tobacco,	16	36	6735	3909	352	42	329	136	5759	83	0	145	180	52	3606	6	3676 00	28068 00	171	55
Lehigh,	25	53	11777	6451	1026	15	775	390	9528	246	0	28	479	97	7194	22	9567 00	59208 00	256	188
Schuykill,	21	39	9885	6437	762	30	612	156	8177	59	0	44	305	45	7289	6	7615 00	44630 00	177	56
Wyoming,	14	34	4701	2586	369	30	286	334	3947	48	0	128	160	31	3435	2	2097 00	26832 00	142	23
Total,	222	466	80470	46430	5595	467	4304	2007	65505	1072	4	651	2399	548	52623	72	\$60931 00	\$325249 00	1959	386
Synod of Ohio, - 6 Classes,	111	233	18678	5267	816	560	1262	671	14645	444	9	529	315	209	17727	26	\$13203 00	\$84010 00		
Ger. Synod North West, 9 do	118	167	15035	11398	1438	7	945	848	11237	207	15	334	342	163	3527	21	13573 00	66894 00		
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 do	59	129	13051	9212	833	116	719	426	10593	326	1	281	235	98	7621	17	11308 00	54080 00		
Synod of the Potomac, 10 do	147	292	36818	19483	1766	270	1637	760	26185	569	2	274	722	251	21899	35	30363 00	116321 00		
Ger. Synod of the East, 5 do	47	42	12708	7625	2060	11	733	597	9734	49	2	268	430	46	8704	8	6223 00	76106 00		
Central Synod, - 4 do	79	115	16589	10508	1115	40	822	642	12448	209	5	399	371	100	9910	25	8769 00	67190 00		
Synod of the Interior, 4 do	39	68	2578	1518	127	29	150	110	1927	41		44	38	49	2702	3	3924 00	61443 00		
Total, 7 Dist Synods, 54 Classes,	822	1512	190527	111436	13750	1500	10542	6051	152274	2917	36	2760	4552	1464	129713	207	\$147294 00	\$841292 00		
Statistics for 1886, 52 Classes,	802	1481	183980	108724	14199	1741	10735	5682	146636	2551	38	2381	4638	1422	122695	186	\$141121 00	\$804321 00		

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the Reformed Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight. The sessions commenced on the evening of the tenth and continued until the forenoon of the seventeenth day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

Synod convened, according to adjournment, in the Reformed Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa., October 10, A.D. 1888, at 7:30 P.M. The opening sermon was preached by the President of Synod, Rev. D. E. Klopp, D.D., from the text recorded in St. Luke 12: 15, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—Classis of East Pennsylvania.

Revs.: T. O. Stem, H. M. Kieffer, W. F. More,³ J. W. Mabry, C. J. Becker.

Elders: John Teel, Thos. T. Miller,^{2*} David Swartz,⁶ Jno. Gemmel, Joel T. Dreisbach.

II.—Classis of Lebanon.

Revs.: T. C. Leinbach,⁶ Tobias Kessler,² James B. May, O. P. Steckel.

Elders: Ephraim B. Shuey,⁶ John L. Saylor,⁴ David Bomberger,^{2*} Abraham H. Miller.⁴

III.—Classis of Philadelphia.

Revs.: D. E. Klopp, D.D., J. H. A. Bomberger,² D.D., Jerome B. Henry, Samuel R. Bridenbaugh.

Elders: John W. Bickel, Wm. K. Gresh, H. M. Housekeeper, Isaiah C. Gerhart *

IV—Classis of Lancaster.

Revs.: J. H. Pannebecker, Warren J. Johnson, D. C. Tobias, J. S. Stahr,² Ph.D., E. N. Kremer.²

Elders: J. J. Nissley,⁴ Henry Terry,^{2,3} Josiah Keen,² A. M. Schmidt.

V.—Classis of East Susquehanna.

Revs.: J. Calvin Leinbach, Wm. G. Engle, Tilghman Derr.

Elders: S. S. Smith, Daniel Eisenhart.⁴

VI.—Classis of West Susquehanna.

Revs.: Geo. W. Gerhard, L. D. Steckel, David O. Shoemaker.

Elders: D. S. Keller, Wm. Moyer, Samuel Getgen.⁶

VII.—Classis of Goshenhoppen.

Revs.: L. K. Evans, C. S. Wieand.

Elders: Geo. F. Stong, Reuben Reigner.

VIII.—Classis of Tohickon.

Revs.: N. Z. Snyder, M. H. Mill, A. B. Koplin, D.D.

Elders: Joseph Moyer,² Frederick Crouse,^{2,4} Nathaniel Metz.^{2,4}

IX.—Classis of Lehigh.

Revs.: Saml. G. Wagner, D.D., Edwin A. Gernant, M. H. Diefenderfer, N. W. Helfrich.²

Elders: Wilson Peter,^{2,3} R. H. Kramm.^{2,3}

X.—Classis of Schuylkill.

Revs.: J. J. Fisher,² O. H. Strunck, H. Mosser, A. R. Bartholomew.⁶

Elders: Daniel Shepp,^{2,4} Daniel Miller,^{2,3} H. Y. Stoner, Jeremiah Aulenbach.^{2,3}

XI.—Classis of Wyoming.

Revs.: D. E. Schoedler,² Jno. A. Peters, D.D., F. K. Levan.

Elders: Henry Fornwald,² Daniel Clinger.^{2,3}

Advisory Members.

East Pennsylvania Classis, *Revs.* I. K. Loos, D.D., D. F. Brendle, D.D., J. E. Smith, T. A. Huber and Lic. Geo. H. Miller.

Lebanon Classis, *Revs.* Thos. M. Yundt and Chas. H. Coon.

Philadelphia Classis, *Revs.* Daniel Feete, L. G. Kremer, H. T. Spangler, Jno. H. Sechler, Geo. H. Johnston, Uriah Weidner, Jas. I. Good, D.D., Joa. B. Shumaker, D.D., Chas. G. Fisher and Elder H. C. Hoover.

Lancaster Classis, *Revs.* A. C. Whitmer, S. Sweitzer, A. B.

Shenkle, E. V. Gerhart, D.D.; Lic., Richard C. Schiedt, and Elders, Wm. H. Seibert and Geo. W. Hensel.

East Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Joshua H. Derr,

West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Thos. S. Land.

Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. A. L. Dechant, S. M. K. Huber, J. E. Freeman.

Tohickon Classis, Revs. J. J. Rothrock, Jas. G. Dengler.

Lehigh Classis, Rev. Thos. N. Reber, N. C. Schaeffer, Ph D., Wm. R. Hofferd, D.D.

Schuykill Classis, Revs. C. S. Gerhard, Rufus W. Miller.

Wyoming Classis, Rev. Geo. S. Sorber.

German Classis of Philadelphia, Rev. N. Gehr, D.D. and Rev. Geo. A. Scheer.

Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac, Rev. S. L. Whitmore.

Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac, Elder John Bowman.

Wichita Classis, Synod of Interior, Rev. D. B. Shuey.

Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, Missionary to Japan.

Other Churches.

Rev. J. Lincoln Litch and Rev. D. W. Moore of the Presbyterian Church, Norristown, Rev. S. T. Leopold of the Evang Church, Rev. J. Dickenson of the Methodist Church, Rev. Isaac Gibson, Rector of Episcopal Church, Rev. J. M. Hinson of the Meth. E. Church, all of Norristown; Rev. J. R. Hendricks of Trinity Church, Collegeville, and Rev. Peter Moerdyke of the Reformed Church in America, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Rev. I. K. Loos, D D., and Rev. Thos. N. Reber, being *secundi*, occupied the place of their *primarii* during a part of the session. Rev. D. E. Klopp, D.D., *secundus*, occupied the place of Rev. Jas. I. Good, D.D., *primarius*, during the whole of the sessions.

The numbers attached to the names on the roll indicate the day when the delegates appeared and took their seats. The letters of the alphabet indicate the day that they obtained leave of absence.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. A. B. Koplin, D D., of Hellertown, Pa., was elected President.

Rev. Geo. W. Gerhard of Lock Haven, Pa., was chosen Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. John P. Stein of Millersville, Pa., is Stated Clerk.

Elder John J. Nissley of Hummelstown, Pa., was elected Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order were read by the Stated Clerk.

The bar of the house was defined to extend to the tenth pew from the chancel. The session hours of Synod for the day were declared to be from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., with recess from 11.30 A. M. to 2 P. M. The evening sessions began at 7.30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following Standing Committees :

I. *On Minutes of Synod.*—Revs. L. D. Steckel, J. B. Henry, Wm. G. Engle, and Elders S. S. Smith and Jno. L. Saylor.

II. *On Overtures.*—Revs. E. A. Gernant, Tilghman Derr, N. W. Helfrich, and Elders Wm. Moyer and Jno. Gemmel.

III. *On Minutes of Classes.*—Revs. T. O. Stem, E. A. Gernant, T. C. Leinbach, and Elders Eph. B. Shuey and David Swartz.

IV. *On Examination and Licensure*—Revs. L. K. Evans, H. Mosser, C. J. Becker, and Elders H. Y. Stoner and I. C. Gerhart.

V. *On the State of the Church.*—Revs. D. E. Klopp, D. D., H. M. Kieffer, Jas. B. May, and Elders Abr. H. Miller and Geo. F. Stong.

VI. *On Religious Services*—Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. B. Henry, Tobias Kessler, and Elders A. M. Schmidt and Jno. W. Bickel.

VII. *On Theological Seminary*—Revs. Jno. A. Peters, D.D., F. K. Levan, M. H. Diefenderfer, and Elders D. S. Keller and J. J. Nissley.

VIII. *On Missions.*—Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, J. B. May, J. C. Leinbach, and Elders Nath. Metz and Daniel Miller.

IX. *On Finance.*—Revs. H. Mosser, J. W. Mabry, O. P. Steckel, and Elders Fred. Crouse and J. Aulenbach.

X. *On Nominations*.—Revs. F. K. Levan, J. J. Fisher, W. J. Johnson, and Elders David Eisenhart and J. J. Nissley.

XI. *On Publication*.—Revs. N. Z. Snyder, C. F. Wieand, J. H. Pannebecker, and Elders Jno. W. Bickel and H. M. Housekeeper.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Wyoming were received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

2. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and the Annual Report of the Board of Education were received, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

3. The Report of the Trustees of Synod, accompanied with the Treasurers' Report was received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance.

4. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication, and the Report of the Editorial Commission were received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Missions, the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Numerous other documents were received and handed to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Minutes of Synod of the Annual Sessions, held a year ago at Sunbury, were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of District Synod. The Committee submitted its report, which was

considered item by item and adopted. The Report with action taken, reads as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod beg leave to report the following items, viz:

Item 1, Page 19. Lebanon Classis was requested to reconsider its action, in refusing to assume the apportionment made upon it for repairing the property of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 2, Page 40. The Committee on Endowment of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, is continued.

Item 3, Page 57. The Officers of Synod were instructed to furnish an official copy of its action, to a committee relative to recovering damages from the government, for the Reformed congregation at Winchester, Va.

Item 4, Page 57. A Special Committee on the unification of Home Mission work, is to report to this meeting of Synod.

Item 5, Page 58. The officers of Synod have been instructed to appoint two men, from among the elected delegates, to address this Synod on Home and Foreign Missions.

Item 6, Page 59. The Stated Clerk was authorized to send a circular to all the ministers, looking to the relief of the treasury of our Foreign Mission Board.

Item 7, Page 70. A committee consisting of Revs. George B. Resser, F. W. Kremer and Elder James T. Reber are to get up a programme on practical church work subjects, and select speakers for this meeting of Synod.

Item 8, Page 79. The Board of Publication is directed to sell real and personal property of the board, etc.

Item 9, Page 80. The matter of the editorship of the *Messenger*, was referred to a commission.

Item 10, Page 80. The Stated Clerk is directed to communicate officially to the Synods of Pittsburgh and Potomac, the action had in reference to our publication interests.

Item 11, Page 81. The Stated Clerk is directed to have 3,300 copies of the Acts and Proceedings of Synod published in the English language, and 500 copies in German.

Item 12, Page 85. The Stated Clerk is immediately to notify Classical Committees in reference to arrears on Wichita University.

Item 13, Page 39. Classes are directed to place their beneficiaries under the parent board. Respectfully submitted,

L. D. STECKEL, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on the 1st and 13th items, see Article X on Minutes of Classes. On item 2, see Article XIII, on Theological Seminary. The items 3, 6, 10, 11 and 12 were reported as attended to. On item 4, see Article XIV, on Missions. On items 5 and 7, see Article IX, on Religious Service. On items 8 and 9, see Article XIX, on Publication.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted its report which was considered, item by item, and finally adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Fathers and Brethren:—Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following items as claiming the attention of Synod:

1. A communication from the Secretary of Board of Home Missions of the United States.

2. Report of Bethany Orphan's Home.

3. A copy of the History of Bethany Orphan's Home by Supt. T. M. Yundt.

4. Overture and Invitation inviting Synod to meet at Zion's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa.

5. Overture and Action of Pittsburgh Synod concerning Publication Interests.

6. Petition of Elder Joshua Gross and three hundred and thirty-five members of Christ Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Pa.

7. A copy of a book entitled "A Live Church" by Rev. A. B. Koplin, D.D. Presented by Daniel Miller.

8. A catalogue of publications of the Reformed Church Publication House, Philadelphia, Pa.

9. A number of copies of the publications, issued by the Reformed Church Publication House.

10. Two copies of "Conference on Union between Reformed Church in North America and Reformed Church in United States held in Philadelphia, April 3 and 4, 1888.

11. Catalogues of Franklin & Marshall College, of Palatinate College, of Ursinus College and Allentown Female Seminary.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. A. GERNANT, *Chairman.*

For the action on item 1, see Article XIV, on Missions; on 2, 3, 10, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on item 4, see Article XXIII, on Adjournment; on items 5, 8 and 9, see Article XIX, on Publication; on item 6, see Article XVIII, on Complaints; on item 7, the book was gratefully received and the thanks of Synod tendered to the publisher; on item 11, the catalogues from these various Institutions of Learning were received, and the Institutions were favorably commended to the consideration of the Church.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of Synod were opened and closed with religious services. The Standing Committee on this subject reported from time to time the Order of Services, designating the persons who were to fill the appointments. The report was finally adopted:

Your Committee on Religious Services would respectfully report as follows:

Thursday Evening—Sermon by Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D. Altar service, Rev. J. C. Leinbach.

Friday Evening—Home Missionary Service. Opening Service, Rev. Tilghman Derr. Addresses, Rev. J. A. Peters, D.D., Elder D. S. Keller, Esqr., Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

Saturday—2 o'clock P.M. Preparatory Service. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Stahr, Ph.D. Altar service, Rev. H. M. Kieffer and Rev. M. H. Mill.

Saturday Evening—Practical Church-work topics. Religious Service, Rev. L. D. Steckel. Speakers, Rev. E. N. Kremer, S. G. Wagner, D.D., Rev. W. J. Johnson.

Sunday Morning—Communion. Sermon, Rev. A. B. Koplin, D.D. Altar service, Rev. L. K. Evans and Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D.

Sunday—2 P.M. Sunday-school Service. Addresses, Elder A.

M. Schmidt, Rev. O. H. Strunck, Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring.

Sunday Evening—Foreign Missionary Service. Opening Service, Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D. Addresses, Rev. Henry Mosser, Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring.

Trinity Reformed Church—Sunday-school Service, 9 A. M. Addresses, Rev. W. R. Reily, D. D., N. Z. Snyder, Elder T. T. Miller.

Service in Trinity Reformed Church—At 10:30 A. M. Sermon, Rev. Henry Mosser. Altar service, Rev. J. P. Stein.

First Presbyterian Church—Morning, Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D. Evening, Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D.

Central Presbyterian Church—Morning, Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D. Evening, Rev. W. R. Reily, D. D.

First Methodist Church (De Kalb St.)—Morning, Rev. A. R. Bartholomew. Evening, Rev. O. H. Strunck.

Oak Street Methodist Church—Evening, Rev. M. H. Mill.

Evangelical Association—Morning, Rev. D. E. Schoedler. Evening, Rev. D. O. Shoemaker.

Wentz Reformed Church—Rev. J. H. Pannebecker.

Boehm Reformed Church—Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., and Rev. H. M. Kieffer.

Reformed Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia—Rev. J. C. Leinbach.

Reformed Church, Spring City—Rev. E. N. Kremer.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BRIDENBAUGH, *Chairman.*

The Committee, appointed a year ago, to select topics and appoint speakers, reported to Synod and the report was adopted. The subjects and speakers are as follows:

"Legitimate or Scriptural Methods of Raising Funds for Benevolent Church Purposes," Rev. E. N. Kremer.

"Is the Church at present showing Fidelity to the Standard of Christian Discipline given by the Saviour?" Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D.

"Do the International Lesson Leaves fully meet the wants of the Sunday School Institution?" Rev. W. J. Johnson.

Interesting papers on these subjects were read by the speakers designated at the Service on Saturday Evening.

Rev. John A. Peters, D.D., was appointed to address Synod on Friday Evening at its Missionary meeting on the subject of Home Missions and Rev. H. Mosser on Sunday Evening on the subject of Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session on Friday, which were disposed of item by item and finally adopted. The report is as follows, to wit :

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to offer for your consideration the following items culled from the Minutes of the several Classes :

I. Irregularities.

1. Lebanon Classis fails to propound the Constitutional questions to the delegated Elders of its charges, p. 5.
2. Philadelphia Classis transacted business at a special meeting during a part of which there was no quorum present. p. 43.
3. Lancaster Classis fails to furnish the Synod, for the use of its Committee on Minutes of Classes, with the required schedule of items.
4. East Susquehanna fails to attach its seal to the Minutes of its special and annual sessions, and also to its statistical table, and Report on the State of Religion and Morals.
5. East Susquehanna Classis fails to give the number of Ministers in its Connection.
6. East Susquehanna Classis fails to approve the Minutes of one of its special meetings, p. 4.
7. West Susquehanna Classis fails to attach its seal to the Statistical Table.
8. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to date its call for a special meeting, p. 3.
9. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to sign or attest some of its Minutes, pp. 2, 29, 32.
10. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to adopt the Minutes of two of its special meetings, pp. 2, 33.

11. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to attach its seal to its Statistical Table and Report on the State of Religion and Morals.

12. Lehigh Classis fails to give the name of the church in which its next Annual Meeting will be held, p. 57.

13. Wyoming Classis fails to mention the place where its last Annual Meeting was held, p. 9.

14. Wyoming Classis fails to give the number of Ministers in its Connection.

15. Wyoming Classis fails to attach its seal to the official copy of its Minutes.

II. Requests.

1. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to excuse it from the apportionment for Wichita University, p. 28.

2. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to direct the officers of "The Ministerial Relief Society" to prepare and publish a new tract, p. 28.

3. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to change its Synodical title, p. 33.

4. East Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to overture General Synod to postpone the work of preparing a new Hymn-Book for the Church, p. 31.

5. West Susquehanna Classis requests Synod to overture General Synod not to publish an additional collection of Hymns at this time, p. 35.

6. Tohickon Classis requests Synod to take certain action with reference to the amount assessed on it for Wichita University, p. 21.

7. Tohickon Classis requests Synod to take certain action in regard to the "Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows," p. 27.

8. Wyoming Classis asks Synod to permit it to use the Church Extension Fund in payment of the Mission apportionment, p. 40.

9. Wyoming Classis requests Synod to overture General Synod not to authorize another Hymn-Book at this time, p. 49.

III. Appeals and Complaints.

1. Rev. L. K. Loos, D.D., Counsel for the Consistory, gives notice that he will appeal from the decision of East Pennsylvania Classis in the appeal of A. F. Knight and others, members of Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., p. 15.

2. Rev. I. K. Loos, D.D., gives notice of appeal to Synod from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis, requesting him to withdraw from Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., p. 54.

3. Rev. I. K. Loos, D.D., gives notice of appeal to Synod from the instruction given him by East Pennsylvania Classis to cease the exercise of the functions of the Gospel Ministry within the bounds of Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., p. 56.

4. Rev. I. K. Loos, D.D., gives notice of appeal to Synod from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis, in declaring a so-called excommunication of A. F. Knight null and void, p. 66.

5. Rev. I. K. Loos, D.D., gives notice of appeal to Synod from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis, in declaring the election for Congregational officers, held by the Consistory of Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., on May 9th, 1888, unconstitutional, and hence null and void, and ordering a new election, p. 68.

IV. Subjects Referred to Classes.

All the Classes took favorable action on all the subjects referred by Synod, with the following exceptions:

1. East Pennsylvania Classis asks to be excused for the present year from assuming the apportionment for Wichita University, p. 38.

2. Lebanon Classis declines to accept the apportionment for Harbor Missions, and Wichita University; modified its action of last year, touching assessment for Seminary Repairs, and took no action on the subject of Women's Missionary Societies further than to refer it to a Special Committee, the Committee failing to report, pp. 10 and 11.

3. Philadelphia Classis declines to accept the apportionment for Harbor Missions, and reiterates its action of 1886. pp. 27 and 28.

4. Philadelphia Classis directs the attention of Synod to a certain resolution taken in response to the request of Synod that beneficiary operations be carried on through the Parent Board, p. 27.

5. Lancaster Classis, for reasons assigned, declines to transfer its beneficiaries to the care of the Parent Board, p. 25.

6. Tohickon Classis declines to accept Synod's apportionment for Wichita University, p. 27.

7. Lehigh Classis declines to comply with the request of Synod to carry on its beneficiary operations through the Parent Board, p. 36.

8. Schuylkill Classis is unwilling to accede to the request of Synod to place its beneficiaries under the Parent Board of Education, p. 16.

V.—Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismissal.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis licensed Mr. George H. Miller; received Rev. John Wolbach from Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh; Rev. Geo. W. Remagen from Kansas Classis, Synod of the Interior; dismissed Licentiate S. H. Phillips to Tohickon Classis; Rev. A. R. Thompson to the Classis of Virginia, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. J. E. Freeman to Goshenhoppen Classis; Rev. Geo. W. Kershner to the Classis of Wyoming.

2. Lebanon Classis ordained the Licentiate James B. May and O. P. Steckel; dismissed Rev. Aaron H. Leiss to the Classis of Zion, Synod of the Potomac.

3. Philadelphia Classis received Rev. L. G. Kremer from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. J. B. Henry from Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio; Licentiate A. D. Wolfinger from Tohickon Classis; licensed Messrs. George Albert Snyder and Edwin C. Hibachman; ordained Licentiate John A. Mertz; dismissed Rev. D. Van Horne, D.D., to Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio; Licentiate George Albert Snyder to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev. S. P. Mauger to East Pennsylvania Classis.

4. Lancaster Classis received Rev. E. N. Kremer from Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Theological Student, J. Stewart Hartman from the Classis of Gettysburg, Synod of the Potomac; licensed Messrs. C. B. Schneder, J. F. Moyer and J. Stewart Hartman; ordained Licentiate J. F. Moyer and Licentiate J. Stewart Hartman; dismissed Licentiate C. B. Schneder to Schuylkill Classis.

5. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. C. H. Mutchler from Wyoming Classis; Rev. H. H. Sandoe from the Classis of Allegheny, Synod of Pittsburgh; dismissed Rev. Geo. P. Hartzell to Northern Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior.

6. West Susquehanna Classis licensed Prof. Lewis Robb and Mr. S. Chas. Stover; dismissed Licentiate S. Chas. Stover to Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis received Rev. J. E. Freeman from East Pennsylvania Classis; Rev. L. D. Leberman from San Francisco Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Licentiate Joseph D. Peters

from Lehigh Classis; dismissed Rev. L. J. Mayer to St. Paul's Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh.

8. Tohickon Classis licensed Messrs. Stewart Mitman, A. D. Wolfinger, T. C. Strock; received Licentiate S. H. Phillips from East Pennsylvania Classis; ordained Licentiates S. H. Phillips, Henry A. Bomberger, Titus C. Strock; dismissed Rev. H. A. Bomberger to Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Licentiate Stewart Mitman to Carlisle Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Licentiate A. D. Wolfinger to Philadelphia Classis.

9. Lehigh Classis received Rev. J. Alvin Reber from Schuylkill Classis; Rev. G. A. Schwedes from Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh; Rev. J. C. J. Kurtz from East Susquehanna Classis; licensed Messrs. C. Ernest Wagner and Joseph D. Peters; dismissed Licentiate Joseph D. Peters to Goshenhoppen Classis; Rev. W. J. Peters to the Congregational Society of Utah.

10. Schuylkill Classis received Licentiate Chas. B. Schneder from the Classis of Lancaster; dismissed Rev. J. Alvin Reber to Lehigh Classis, and erased from its roll the name of Rev. Geo. A. Zellers.

11. Wyoming Classis received Rev. J. B. Kershner from East Susquehanna Classis; Rev. E. D. Miller from Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod; Rev. Geo. W. Kershner from East Pennsylvania Classis; licensed and ordained Mr. Aaron Noll; dismissed Rev. C. H. Mutchler to East Susquehanna Classis.

VII. Time and Place of Meeting.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, College Hill, Easton, Pa., on Tuesday before Ascension Day, May 28th, A.D., 1889, at 7:30 P.M.

Rev J. W. Mabry, *President*; Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk*.

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Birdsboro, Berks County, Pa., on the first Thursday after Whitsunday, at 8 o'clock P.M., 1889. Rev. Geo. B. Resser, *President*; Rev. J. E. Hiester, D.D., *Stated Clerk*.

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in St. Matthew's Reformed Church, Chester County, Pa., on the last Thursday in May, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D.D., *President*; Rev. Jno. H. Sechler, *Stated Clerk*.

4. Lancaster Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church,

Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa., on Monday following the fourth Sunday after Easter, the 20th day of May, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Rev. J. M. Titzel, D.D., *President*; Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*.

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Catawissa, Pa., on Thursday, June 13th, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Rev. Joshua H. Derr, *President*; Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, *Stated Clerk*.

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in Emmanuel's Reformed Church, New Berlin, Union County, Pa., on the third Wednesday of May, 1889, at 7½ o'clock P.M. Rev. T. R. Dietz, *President*; Rev. W. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in Zion's Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa., on the first Friday in May, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Rev. I. S. Stahr, *President*; Rev. C. S. Wieand, *Stated Clerk*.

8. Tohickon Classis will meet in Salem Reformed Church, Doylestown, Bucks County, Pa., on Friday after Ascension Day, May 31st, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Rev. B. B. Ferer, *President*; Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

9. Lehigh Classis will meet in the Church at Trexlertown, Lehigh County, Pa., on the third Tuesday in May, A.D. 1889, at 10 o'clock A.M. Rev. Dr. W. M. Reilly, *President*; Rev. E. A. Gernant, *Stated Clerk*.

10. Schuylkill Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Tamaqua, Pa., on Monday, June 17th, A.D. 1889, at 8 o'clock P.M. Rev. J. J. Fisher, *President*; Rev. H. H. Mosser, *Stated Clerk, pro tem*.

11. Wyoming Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Watsontown, Northumberland County, Pa., on the first Wednesday after Whitsunday, June 12th, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Rev. J. A. Peters, D.D., *President*; Rev. S. Sidney Kohler, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. STEM, *Chairman*.

I. The several items reported as irregularities were adopted.
II. Requests and References. The requests made by the Classes were adopted with the following additional action—On 1st and 6th items. See Article XV. on Finance—On items 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9.

See Article XXI. Miscellaneous—On item 3. A Special Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. D. E. Klopp, D.D., H. Mosser and Elder Jno. W. Bickel, who are to report at the next annual sessions of Synod—On item 8 see Article XIV. on Missions—III. Appeals. For action on the 5 items under this head see Article XVI. on appeals—IV. The items under this head were adopted with the following additional action: On items 1, 2, 3 and 6. See Article XV. on Finance. On items 2 and 3. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Synod hereby expresses its regret that Lebanon and Philadelphia Classes do not feel it their duty to contribute their part of the apportionment to Harbor Missions.

Resolved, That Synod reiterates its request to Lebanon Classis to pay its portion for the repairs on the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. Bearing on items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed with instructions to define under the action of the Synod at Sunbury, Pa. (see Minutes of 1887, p. 39), the relation of Beneficiary Students to the Synod's Board of Education, on the one hand, and the Classes by which they are supported on the other, the said committee to report at the next annual sessions of Synod.

The committee consists of Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., N. Z. Snyder and Jacob Laufer.

All the items under the V., VI. and VII. general heads were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would respectfully report, that no applicants appeared for examination, and that no other matters were referred to your Committee.

Respectfully submitted, L. K. EVANS, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The following Report on Religion and Morals was received and adopted. The Report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on the state of Religion within the bounds of this Synod, begs to report that, having read and examined the reports of the several Classes, it finds these reports, as a whole, breathing the spirit of encouragement and telling of more than ordinary activity and energy. In view of all that they show us, we are called on, as a Synod, to express the heartiest and most earnest thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the continued presence and blessing of the great head of the Church, our divine Lord and Master, and that to the ministry and membership of the Church, he has vouchsafed the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit—while here and there, now and then, clouds have cast their shadows over the field, where the Church has been planted, yet peace has generally reigned, and very great progress has been made.

The word has been statedly preached, the Sacraments administered, the children instructed and brought into full membership with the Church through the time-honored custom of Confirmation. Pastoral visitation has been generally and faithfully attended to, with the results promised by the Master himself.

These results appear in the number of new Churches built, of old ones renovated, the building of parsonages. In better organization for Church work; in the division and multiplication of charges; in the organization of Missionary Societies; but more especially in building up the faith of the members of the Church; in the winning of souls to the kingdom of grace and the service of the Master.

It will be seen from the statistical table, as well as from what *has* been said, that we have gone forward. It is very true, that while this is so, yet all this only shows that we should be stimulated to more earnest and faithful endeavor. It becomes us then with devout thankfulness to take renewed courage, go forward and onward in our appointed work with zeal and energy, assured of the blessing of God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

It has pleased God during the past Synodical year to remove out of the Church militant to the Church triumphant, from the ranks of the ministry, the Rev. F. W. Dechant, the Rev. D. Y. Heisler, D.D., from among the eldership, we shall miss the Counsels of J. H. Pearsol and Philip Arndt. They have entered on their reward.

When we are 'done with our work below, and as we enter the presence of the Master in glory, may we hear the Word of commendation and welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Respectfully submitted,

D. E. KLOPP, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. Reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors.

(a) Report of Board of Trustees.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Dear Brethren: I enclose with this the Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and beg leave to say further, that the Board of Trustees of the Seminary held two meetings during the year—one on the 10th of May in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., at which were present G. W. Hensel, J. B. Roth, Geo. Z. Kunkel, John D. Skiles, J. H. Keiffer, George Hill, Israel Loucks, C. A. Shultz and A. G. Renninger. Excuses were received from D. W. Gross and Charles Santee for non-attendance.

The present officers of the Board were all re-elected by acclamation.

The last meeting of the Board was held on September 20th, in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.; present, D. W. Gross, J. B. Roth, G. Z. Kunkel, Charles Santee, J. H. Keiffer, Israel Loucks, C. A. Shultz and George Heilman. Postals were received from George Hill and A. G. Renninger, asking to be excused.

The Treasurer, J. B. Roth, presented his report, which was audited and found correct, with a balance in his hands of \$493.96. Among other items of business, the following action was taken:

That the Synods of the Church be requested to continue the assessments on the different classes for Theological Seminary aid, and that they direct the stated clerks to report to the Treasurer of the Seminary a statement of such amounts assessed.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. Z. KUNKEL,
Harrisburg, Oct. 4, 1888. *Sec'y of B. T. Theo. Seminary.*

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1887.			DR.
Sept.	20.	To amount of balance due Seminary to date.....	\$765 20
"	28.	To interest from Lehigh Classis, to Oct. 1, 1887.....	15 00
Oct.	3.	" " " W. Lysinger, to Nov. 15, 1887.....	30 00
"	5.	" " " F. Schaum, to Oct. 1, 1887.....	30 00
"	5.	" " " Home Bonds, to Oct. 1, 1887.....	5 00
"	6.	" " " S. M. Keen, to Oct. 1, 1887.....	75 00
"	7.	" " " West Susquehanna Classis, on acct....	5 22
"	8.	" " " Hon. Geo. F. Baer, to April 1, 1888..	120 00
"	13.	" " " Kieffer Legacy.....	237 50
"	13.	" " " Cook Legacy.....	30 00
"	15.	" " " W. H. Rinier, to Oct. 1, 1887.....	30 00
Nov.	1.	" " " Mercersburg Classis, to Jan. 1, 1888.	26 50
"	1.	" " " Newton Groff, to Oct. 1, 1887.....	30 00
"	1.	" " " S. Johnson, to Oct. 1, 1887.....	30 00
"	1.	" " " Geo. B. Ashford, to Nov. 1, 1887.....	10 50
"	1.	" " " E. M. Killough, to Nov. 1, 1887.....	75 00
"	9.	" " " Geo. Sarbaugh, to Oct. 1, 1887.....	90 00
"	17.	" " " L. P. and C. Titus, to Oct. 1, 1887....	9 00
Dec.	2.	" " " W. Strom Mortgage, to Dec. 1, 1887.	87 50
"	2.	" " " Richardson Mortgage, to Dec. 1, 1887.	29 75
"	1.	" " " Lehigh Val. R. R. Bonds, Dec. 1, 1887	150 00
"	6.	" " " Jno. N. Brubaker, to April 1, 1888...	90 00
"	9.	" " " St. Stephen's Chapel, to Oct. 29, 1887	42 00
"	29.	" " " Loan.....	69
1888.			
Jan.	2.	" " " Fink Mortgage, to Jan. 1, 1888.....	8 75
"	12.	" " " Routh Mortgage, to Dec. 19, 1887.....	42 00
"	14.	" " " Jacob Heyser, on account.....	75 00
"	16.	" " " Loan.....	20 00
"	18.	" " " Thos. W. Coen Mort., to Jan. 9, 1888	21 00
"	25.	" " " John Kepner, on account.....	50 00
Feb.	3.	" " " E. S. Stehman, to Feb. 3, 1888.....	30 00
"	8.	" " " Geo. W. Schroyer, to Feb. 8, 1888....	105 00
"	13.	" " " Lane & Co., to Feb. 1, 1888.....	180 00
"	13.	" " " Temporary Loan to date.....	97 00
"	29.	" " " John Becker, to Feb. 28, 1883.....	240 00
Mch.	26.	" " " Jacob Heyser, on account.....	75 00
"	27.	" " " Geo. Sarbaugh, to April 1, 1888.....	90 00
"	31.	" " " W. Lysinger, to May 15, 1888.....	30 00
"	31.	" " " W. H. Rinier, to April 1, 1888.....	30 00
April	2.	" " " Samuel M. Keen, to April 1, 1888....	75 00
"	2.	" " " F. Schaum, to April 1, 1888.....	27 75
"	2.	" " " Adam Keen, to April 1, 1888.....	30 00
"	2.	" " " Newton Groff, to April 1, 1888.....	30 00
"	2.	" " " S. Johnson, to April 1, 1888.....	30 00
"	2.	" " " Loan.....	1 50
"	4.	" " " A. M. Steacy, to June 12, 1888.....	96 00
"	12.	" " " L. P. & C. Titus, to April 1, 1888....	9 00
"	12.	" " " G. M. Zahm, to April 12, 1888.....	16 50
"	16.	" " " Loan.....	3 00

April 18.	To interest from Kieffer Legacy.....	290 40
" 18.	" " " " Loan.....	6 47
" 19.	" " " " Geo. Carbaugh, in full.....	466 50
" 19.	" " " " Geo. Sarbaugh, in full.....	7 00
" 28.	" " " " Job Robinson, to April 25, 1888.....	36 90
" 30.	" " " " Thos. G. Apple, to July 4, 1887.....	12 00
" 30.	" " " " Geo. B. Ashford, to May 1, 1888.....	10 50
May 2.	" " " " Zion's Classis, to May 1, 1888.....	23 22
" 2.	" " " " E. M. Killough, to May 1, 1888.....	75 00
" 8.	" " " " Loan.....	10 43
" 9.	" " " " Jacob Heyser, on account.....	50 00
" 9.	" " " " Rev. G. B. Dechant.....	75 00
" 19.	" " " " Mrs. Anna Eyerman, to June 13, 1889	50 00
" 19.	" " " " E. Penna. Classis, to Oct. 1, 1887.....	81 25
June 1.	" " " " L. Strom Mortgage, to June 1, 1888..	87 50
" 1.	" " " " R. A. Richardson, to June 1, 1888....	29 75
" 1.	" " " " Geo. W. Hensel, Treas. Com. of Synod	12 75
" 12.	" " " " Juniata Classis, to July 1, 1888.....	16 50
" 12.	" " " " Loan.....	33 00
" 21.	" " " " Home Bonds.....	5 00
" 21.	" " " " Lehigh Val. R. R. Bonds, to June 1, '88	150 00
" 26.	" " " " Wyoming Classis, to July 1, 1888.....	15 00
" 30.	" " " " Fink Mortgage, to July 1, 1888.....	8 75
July 9.	" " " " Harrisburg Bridge Co.....	6 60
" 19.	" " " " Allemania Fire Ins. Co., dividend 29	15 00
Aug. 6.	" " " " Loan.....	60
" 9.	" " " " Tobias Royer, to Aug. 8, 1888.....	12 00
" 9.	" " " " Geo. Schroyer, to Aug. 8, 1888.....	105 00
" 21.	" " " " W. Austin Cessna, to May 15, 1888...	60 00
Sept. 5.	" " " " Adam Keen, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	30 00
" 8.	" " " " John B. Roth, to April 1, 1888.....	180 00
" 10.	" " " " Temporary Loan.....	60 00
" 12.	" " " " P. M. Ermentrout, on account.....	90 00
" 14.	" " " " Aid Fund of Theological Seminary	
	from Sept. 20, 1887, to date.....	769 06

\$6,306 64

1887.				CR.
Oct.	22.	By amount paid T. Humphreville's bill.....		\$23 99
"	25.	" " Geo. W. Marion's bill		24 00
"	28.	" " Thos. G. Apple, on account.....		200 00
"	28.	" " E. V. Gerhart, on account.....		200 00
"	28.	" " F. A. Gast, on account.....		200 00
Dec.	5.	" " Thos. G. Apple, to Jan. 1, 1888.....		175 00
"	5.	" " E. V. Gerhart, to Jan. 1, 1888.....		175 00
"	5.	" " F. A. Gast, to Jan. 1, 1888.....		175 00
"	22.	" " Lane & Co.'s bill.....		7 52
1888.				
Jan.	7.	" " Hoffmier's bill.....		5 50
"	7.	" " Hager Bros.'s bill.....		8 20
Feb.	6.	" " E. V. Gerhart, on account.....		200 00
"	6.	" " Thos. G. Apple, on account.....		200 00

Oct.	6.	By amount paid	F. A. Gast, on account.....	200 00
"	24.	"	Bill of repairs.....	2 50
Mch.	3.	"	Kieffer & Herr's bill.....	10 30
"	5.	"	Thos. G. Apple, to April 1, 1888.....	175 00
"	5.	"	E. V. Gerhart, to April 1, 1888.....	175 00
"	5.	"	F. A. Gast, to April 1, 1888.....	175 00
"	23.	"	Lancaster Intelligencer.....	18 34
"	26.	"	J. Bausman, Treas. F. & M. College..	100 00
April	2.	"	Pontz bill (painting).....	282 75
"	16.	"	Seminary adver. in Almanac.....	12 50
"	28.	"	Thos. G. Apple, on account.....	200 00
May	7.	"	E. V. Gerhart, on account.....	200 00
"	7.	"	F. A. Gast, on account.....	200 00
"	12.	"	Sprecher & Pfeiffer.....	3 53
"	18.	"	Cleaning cisterns.....	6 00
"	21.	"	Silas S. Neff, elocution.....	250 00
June	8.	"	Thos. G. Apple, to July 1, 1888.....	175 00
"	8.	"	E. V. Gerhart, to July 1, 1888.....	175 00
"	8.	"	F. A. Gast, to July 1, 1888.....	175 00
"	8.	"	J. Bausman, Treas. F. & M. College..	50 00
"	9.	"	Geo. Miller's bill.....	1 50,
"	10.	"	McKinstry bill (coal oil).....	2 40
Aug.	2.	"	Thos. G. Apple, on account.....	200 00
"	2.	"	E. V. Gerhart, on account.....	200 00
"	2.	"	F. A. Gast, on account.....	200 00
Sept.	3.	"	B. B. Martin's coal bill.....	59 50
"	6.	"	Thos. G. Apple, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	175 00
"	6.	"	E. V. Gerhart, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	175 00
"	6.	"	F. A. Gast, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	175 00
"	8.	"	W. Woehlsen's bill.....	11 17
"	8.	"	John B. Roth, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	200 00
"	8.	"	P. O. Stamps and stationery.....	5 00
"	8.	"	Stoner, Schreiner & Co.....	50
"	8.	"	W. Woehlsen's bill in full.....	58 29
"	8.	"	J. Bausman, Treas. F. & M. College..	50 00
"	8.	"	Library Fund, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	79 19
"	8.	"	Klopp Legacy, interest to Oct. 1, 1888	40 00

\$5,812 68

Sept. 20, 1888. Amount of balance due Seminary..... 498 96

Respectfully presented, JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.**Lancaster, September 20, 1888.*

The undersigned Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared vouchers, find the same correct.

September 20, 1888.

I. H. KEEFER.
CHARLES SANTER.
C. A. SHULTZ.

STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENT FUND.

1888.

Sept. 20. For amount of Fund as reported Sept. 20, 1887..... \$69,474 76

In addition to the sum of \$2,050 received from the Committee of Synod, of which Geo. W. Hensel is Treas., and reported by Treas. of Seminary in his account to Sept. 20, 1887, the further sum of 7,080 00 is hereby acknowledged from the Treasurer of said Committee of Synod, making a total received of \$9,130 to date..... \$76,554 76

September 20, 1888.

Received, Lancaster, September 18, 1888, of Rev. T. O. Stem, Treasurer of East Pennsylvania Classis, Synodical Apportionment, \$51.00.

Received, Lancaster, September 19, 1888, of C. M. Bousch, Esq., Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod, the sum of \$75.00 to pay the part assumed by said Synod for instruction in elocution in Theological Seminary.

Lancaster, September 20, 1888.

JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer.

JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer, in acc't with Aid Fund of Theological Seminary.

1887.	To amount received of	DR.
Sept. 28.	Lehigh Classis for Seminary repairs.....	\$79 00
	Lehigh Classis, Dr. Gast's salary account.....	70 00 149 00
Oct. 7.	West Susquehanna Classis for Seminary repairs	8 50
	West Susquehanna Classis, Dr. Gast's salary....	7 85 16 35
Oct. 13.	Tohickon Classis, Seminary repairs.....	51 00
Nov. 1.	Schuylkill Classis, Seminary repairs.....	67 00
	Schuylkill Classis, Dr. Gast's salary.....	62 00 129 00
Dec. 20.	Friends of Seminary in Philadelphia Classis, 1888.	
	per Rev. Chas. G. Fisher.....	22 00
Jan. 9.	Rev. G. E. Addams, Bloomfield charge.....	6 00
Jan. 18.	Christ Ref. congregation, per Chas. Santee, Esq..	25 00
Feb. 6.	East Susquehanna Classis, Geo. Hill, Treasurer	32 00
Feb. 27.	Rev. T. G. DeLyre, Napa City, Cal.....	3 00
April 2.	Carlisle charge, Rev. G. E. Addams, Treasurer.	8 00
April 30.	Goshenhoppen Classis, Synodical Apportionm't	51 00
May 1.	Goshenhoppen Classis, Dr. Gast's salary.....	47 00
May 7.	East Susquehanna Classis, Dr. Gast's salary....	39 00
May 14.	West Susquehanna Classis, Dr. Gast's salary....	16 25
May 14.	West Susquehanna Classis, Seminary repairs....	22 15 38 40
May 21.	East Susquehanna Classis, Seminary repairs....	19 00
May 24.	Lancaster Classis, Seminary repairs.....	35 00
May 24.	Lancaster Classis, salary account.....	31 00 66 00
May 24.	Carlisle Classis, relief.....	8 31
June 25.	Tohickon Classis, I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer.....	38 00
July 7.	Lehigh Classis, Seminary repairs.....	21 00

1888.
Sept. 14. By amt. credited in Endowment Fund account. \$769 06

JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer.

JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer, in account with Library Fund.

1888.	
Sept. 20.	Amount of Fund, as reported Sept. 20, 1887..\$2,069 96
	Less E. J. Zahm's note, returned as per action
	of Seminary Board, had May 10, 1888..... 250 00

Sept. 20, 1888. Amount of principal of Fund.....\$1,819 96

1887.

DR.

Sept. 20.	To balance due Library Fund.....	\$56 35	
Oct. 13.	To interest from John Miley to April 1, 1886	60 00	
Sept. 8.	To int. from Endowment Fund to Oct. 1, 1888	79 19	\$195 54

1887.

CR.

Oct. 21.	By amount paid bill of G. L. Essick.....	1 50	
Nov. 12.	By amount paid bill of J. M. Stoddard & Co.	6 00	
Dec. 14.	By amount paid bill of Cassel & Co.....	3 00	
1888.			
Mch. 3.	By amount paid bill of O. W. Jansen.....	5 00	
Mch. 3.	By amount paid bill of Zahm & Co.....	17 37	
Mch. 3.	By amount paid bill of W. H. Roy.....	1 50	
May 23.	By amount paid bill of G. L. Essick.....	17 35	
May 16.	By amount paid Int. on Sem'y Library (3 yrs.)	30 00	
July 5.	By amount paid bill of F. W. Christern.....	2 80	
July 7.	By amount paid bill of W. G. Bentley.....	4 00	
Sept. 10.	By amount paid bill of Zahm & Co.....	17 10	105 62

Sept. 20, 1888. Balance due Library..... \$89 92

1888.

Building Fund Account.

Sept. 20.	Amount of Fund as per report of Treasurer, is	\$12,883 05	
	Amount of interest on same to date, accounted for in current expense acc't of Theo. Sem'y.		

1888.

Pittsburgh Prof. Fund.

Sept. 20.	Amount of Fund is.....	\$1,718 30	
	Interest on same to date, accounted for in current expense account of Theological Sem'y.		

1888.

Smalts Fund Account.

Sept. 20.	Amount of principal is.....	\$5,000 00	
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1887.

DR.

Oct. 25.	To interest received to Oct. 1, 1887.....	\$137 50	
April 17, 1888.	To interest received to April 1, 1888.....	137 50	

 \$375 00

CR.

Oct. 25, 1887.	By amount paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas.	\$137 50	
April 17, 1888.	By amount paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas.	137 50	

 \$375 00

Respectfully presented, JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

Lancaster, September 20, 1888.

The undersigned Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared vouchers, find the same correct.

J. H. KEEFER.
CHARLES SANTÉE.
C. A. SHULTZ.

September 20, 1888.

(b) Report of the Board of Visitors.

To the Reverend Synod of the United States:

Dear Brethren: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary beg leave to report that during the past year they endeavored to discharge their duties according to the best of their ability. At the close of the Seminary year, they attended the examination of the students, and as far as possible looked into the moral and spiritual condition of the Institution. It gives us pleasure to report that the result of such supervision was satisfactory. The professors have endeavored faithfully to discharge their duties; and the conduct of the students, as well as their diligence in the prosecution of their studies have been such as to commend them to their teachers and the members of the Board. On the whole, the year brought to a close was one of more than usual prosperity to the Seminary, for which our thanks are due to the great head of the Church, who has thus enabled us to provide for the spiritual wants of the flocks committed to our charge.

During the year ending last spring there were in all forty-one students connected with the Seminary; eight in the Senior; seven-teen in the Middle; and sixteen in the Junior.

The following were admitted to the Junior Class: Daniel W. Albright, Stanley L. Krebs, Thomas G. Bower, Albert Lobach, James R. Brown, Monroe M. Noachre, Raymond E. Butz, Miles O. Noll, Abner S. Dechant, George W. Richards, Harry F. Dittman, I. Lucien Roush, Jonathan V. George, Elmer E. Weller, Irwin W. Hendrick, Charles T. Young.

Eleven of this number are college graduates. The remaining five were all prepared to pursue the prescribed course of study except one. This is again one of the largest accessions of new students to the Seminary in any single year since it was founded, sixty-three years ago.

The Middle Class consisted of the Juniors of the previous year with the exception of I. Amandus Herbst, who was compelled to withdraw from the Seminary for the want of funds, and of Calvin E. Bartholomew, who was restored to his place in the class with the full approval of the Board.

The Senior Class having completed the prescribed course of study, and sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board

were dismissed with the usual Testimonial at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows :

Oswald E. Accola, Aaron Noll, I. Stewart Hartman, S. Charles Stover, Stewart U. Mitman, Charles B. Schneder, John F. Moyer, Earnest Wagner.

Mr. Accola was admitted to the Senior Class by virtue of a certificate of dismission from the Faculty of the Mission House at Sheyboygan, Wisconsin. With but few exceptions all the members of this class entered upon the active duties of the ministry.

The instructions in elocution during the year were satisfactory, and it is believed that they had a beneficial effect in improving the manner and style of speaking among the students of the College and Seminary. The Board, therefore, asks the three Synods to make the same appropriations to pay the salary of the teacher in elocution during the coming year as they did last year: the Synod of the United States, \$100; the Synod of Pittsburg, \$75; and the Synod of the Potomac, \$75.

The funds needed for this purpose during the year 1886-87 were supplied by private liberality, with the exception of \$40, which was secured as a loan by the President of the Board, Rev. Dr. A. H. Kremer. The Board accordingly asks the Synod of the United States to instruct one of its treasurers to return this amount to Dr. Kremer, with interest from the time it was loaned until it is paid, or to provide for its payment in some other way.

In the fall of 1884, the three Synods represented in the Seminary, resolved each to endow an additional professorship in the Seminary, and the understanding then was, that the new department thus created should be determined conjointly by the Faculty and the Board of Visitors. As the Board was informed that the Committee of the Potomac Synod had up to that time secured nearly \$20,000 for its professorship, and it appeared likely that the Synod at its next meeting would take measures to fill its chair in the Seminary, it was thought best to refer the matter to the Faculty, with instructions to report what branches should be referred to the new professorships as they come to be successively filled. Their report was approved by the Board, a copy of which is hereby transmitted to their Synods for their approval.

The Seminary enters upon the present year with encouraging

prospects, both as it regards an increase in the number of students and of its teaching force, which is truly gratifying to all its friends. It is plain, however, that the number of candidates for the ministry in the Seminary is still inadequate to meet the growing wants of the Church, and every effort should be made to fill the Seminary to its utmost capacity. It is believed, that there are not a few young men in the churches who would be willing to obey the voice of the Spirit to go and preach the gospel, if they were properly encouraged. Such as have the natural and spiritual gift for this great work should therefore be urged to enter into this service, and as far as necessary be assisted in their preparatory services, according to the law and custom of the Church. Respectfully submitted,

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 5, 1888. THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

Report of the Faculty.

As regards the new professorship about to be established in the Theological Seminary by the Potomac Synod, the Faculty reports as follows:

It is proposed that the chair endowed by the Potomac Synod be entitled *The Professorship of New Testament Exegesis*, and that the following branches of study be assigned to it: Hermeneutics, New Testament Introduction, New Testament Biblical Theology and New Testament Exegesis.

Regarding the other two chairs, which it has been proposed are to be endowed, one by the Synod of Pittsburgh, and the other by the Synod of the United States, the following propositions are submitted:

1. We suggest that one chair be entitled *The Professorship of Practical Theology*, and that to it be assigned, Catechetics, Cultus, Pastoral Theology, Homiletics, Elocution and Haliotics.

2. We suggest that the other chair be entitled *The Professorship of Old Testament Exegesis*, and to it be assigned Hebrew and Cognate Languages, Biblical Geography, Antiquities and Old Testament History.

It is understood that so long as one or more of the proposed chairs are vacant, the branches belonging to the vacant chair or chairs are to be distributed among the incumbents of the other professorships. Respectfully submitted, EML. V. GERHART,

Theo. Sem'y, May 10, 1888.

Pres. of the Faculty.

C.) REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with CHAS. G. FISHER, Treasurer. 1887-1888.

CR.

By balance in hand.....	\$1,888 38
By cash per I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis.....	504 96
“ Rev. T. O. Stem, Treasurer of East Penna. Classis.....	490 00
“ Treasurer of Ref. Church Pub. Board, interest.....	308 69
“ Christ Reformed Church, Philadelphia.....	25 65
“ J. B. Roth, Treas. Theol. Sem'ny, Klopp Legacy.....	40 00
“ J. B. Roth, Treas. Theol. Sem'ny, Smaltz Fund....	275 00
“ J. Meily, Treas. Synod of U. S., Gerhart Legacy..	12 00
“ Dividends of Harrisburg National Bank.....	22 50
“ Prof. R. F. C. Schiedt, amount returned.....	25 00
“ Rev. P. M. Trexler, balance of loan and interest..	25 00
“ Interest on loans.....	123 00

DR.

	\$3,735 38
To cash paid to beneficiaries of Tohickon Classis.....	\$504 96
To cash paid to beneficiaries of East Pennsylvania Classis.....	480 00
To cash paid to beneficiaries on Smaltz Fund.....	235 00
To cash paid to beneficiaries on General Fund.....	743 50
To cash paid on loans.....	1,500 00
To cash paid to Rev. Theo. Appel, D.D., salary as Secretary...	20 00
To cash paid on expenses to Lancaster.....	4 50
Balance in Treasury.....	247 42

Lancaster, Pa., October 2, 1888.

\$3,735 38

The undersigned, appointed by the Board of Education to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, hereby testifies that he has examined the above report, with accompanying vouchers, and find the same to be correct.

THEODORE APPEL.

(d) *Report of the Committee on Additional Professorships in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.*

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your Committee on Endowment of the Theological Seminary can report but a slow and indifferent progress, during the past Synodical year.

In deference to the wishes of those friends of the Institutions at Lancaster, whose interest has turned towards the Endowment of the Presidency of the College, your Committee has done nothing more than made good the promise made one year ago to the Synod at Sunbury, Pa. As the result, the Seminary has had the benefit of \$10,000 since April, 1888.* This practically more than com-

* One hundred dollars have been added to this amount since this report was written.

pletes the Endowment of the Third Professorship, so that the Seminary has now three fully endowed professorships. Your Committee feels the depressing effect of this unfortunate halt in its work. The enterprise has lost the freshness and *ecolat* of the first inspiration, and it is seriously doubted whether the enthusiasm of the church can again be aroused sufficiently to make the movement a final success.

We submit it therefore to the judgment of this Synod, whether your Committee shall be continued and instructed to go forward in the work. Should this be your determination, it will become necessary to fill a vacancy created by the withdrawal of Rev. George B. Dechant, of the Classis of East Susquehanna. We would recommend the Rev. Thomas J. Hacker, as, in the judgment of this Committee, a suitable person to fill this vacancy.

This committee having been raised by Synod before the Classis of Wyoming was formed, and that Classis being therefore without representation, your committee would request this Synod to provide for such representation, and would suggest the name of the Rev. F. K. Levan.

Respectfully submitted,

Norristown, Oct. 10, 1888. S. G. WAGNER, *Chair. of Com.*

II. Report on Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, presented its report during the session on Tuesday evening. The report was considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. It reads as follows:

Your committee on subjects pertaining to the Theological Seminary begs leave to present the following report for your consideration, to wit:—

The following papers have been referred to us: a) The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, per George Z. Kunkel, Secretary of said Board; b) The Report of the Treasurer of the Seminary; c) The Report of the Board of Visitors, together with a Report of the Faculty of the Seminary; d) The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education; and e) A Report of the Committee on the further Endowment of the Seminary.

From these reports we learn the following facts, which merit the attention of Synod:

1) From the Report of the Board of Trustees, that the several Synods are requested to continue their assessments on the Classes for "the Theological Seminary Aid Fund."

2) From the Treasurer's report, that the income of the Seminary during the year from all sources has been \$6306.64, and the amount of expenditures has been \$5812.68, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$493.96.

3) From the Report of the Board of Visitors, that the past year has been one of more than usual prosperity. Sixteen students were admitted to the Junior Class at the beginning of the former year, which was again one of the largest accessions of new students since the founding of the Institution. The whole number of students during the year was forty-one, of whom eight were graduated at the anniversary in May last. The instructions in Elocution have been continued during the year with beneficial results. The Seminary has entered upon the present year with encouraging prospects. The Board asks an appropriation from this Synod of \$100 in part payment of the salary of the teacher of Elocution during the coming year, and also an appropriation of \$50 to cover the principal and interest of a loan made for the same purpose two years ago. The Faculty in concert with the Board of Visitors make certain suggestions in regard to the titles of the three professorships proposed to be established in the near future.

4) From the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, that the receipts have been \$3735.38, and the disbursements \$3487.96, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$247.42.

5) From the Report of the Committee on the further endowment of the Seminary, that the Institution has had its endowment fund increased since April last to the amount of \$10,100, which completes the endowment of the third professorship, also that, in case the Synod desires the further prosecution of this work, one vacancy in the committee should be filled, and another member added in order that all the classes may be represented.

In order to carry into effect the suggestions and recommendations made in the foregoing papers, as well as to foster and encourage the work of the Institution, your committee would recommend the following action, to wit:—

I. Resolved, That this Synod recognizes with profound gratitude

the peculiar blessing of God upon this "School of the prophets" during the past year, both in the prosecution of its work, and in the pecuniary aid received.

II. *Resolved*, That the classes are again urged to search out worthy young men, and encourage them to enter upon a course of study looking forward to the work of the Christian ministry.

III. *Resolved*, That this Synod assumes \$100 as its share of the payment of the salary of the teacher of Elocution for the ensuing year, and that the said amount be apportioned upon the several classes.

IV. *Resolved*, That the amount of \$50 be also apportioned to the several classes to cover the aforesaid loan made by the President of the Board of Visitors, to pay the salary of the said teacher of Elocution during a former year.

V. *Resolved*, That this Synod assumes \$250 for the Seminary Aid Fund, and that the said amount be apportioned to the several classes.

VI. *Resolved*, The Potomac Synod concurring, that the chair in the Seminary endowed by the Potomac Synod shall be entitled "*The Professorship of New Testament Exegesis*," and that the scope of the instruction of the said professorship shall be the branches suggested in the foregoing report of the Faculty and the Board of Visitors conjointly.

VII. *Resolved*, As to the other two chairs proposed to be endowed, one by the Pittsburgh Synod, the other by this Synod, that they shall be, Pittsburgh Synod concurring, severally entitled: the one "*The Professorship of Practical Theology*;" and the other, "*The Professorship of Old Testament Theology*," the scope of instruction of each being the branches suggested by the Faculty and the Board of Visitors conjointly.

VIII. *Resolved*, That the Pittsburgh Synod shall be accorded the privilege of electing which one of these professorships shall be peculiarly its own.

IX. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the further endowment of the Seminary be continued, and that they are hereby instructed to prosecute their work as rapidly as possible.

X. *Resolved*, That the vacancy of the representation of East Susquehanna Classis in the aforesaid committee be filled by the ap-

pointment of Rev. T. J. Hacker, and furthermore that Rev. F. K. Levan be added to the committee as the representative of the Wyoming Classis.

XI. *Resolved*, That the stated clerk be instructed to communicate the action of the foregoing sixth resolution to the Potomac Synod; and the action of the 7th and 8th resolutions to the Pittsburgh Synod. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETERS, *Chairman*.

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Daniel W. Gross, Harrisburg, Pa.; John B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.; George Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa.; Charles Santee, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Hill, Esq., Sunbury, Pa.; George W. Hensel, Quarryville, Pa.; Aaron G. Renninger, Allentown, Pa.; George G. Heilman, Heilman's Dale, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Israel Laucks, York, Pa.; Henry W. Shriver, Union Mills, Md.; Edgar Slagle, Hanover, Pa.; Charles A. Schultz, York, Pa.; Isaac H. Keefer, Chambersburg, Pa.; W. H. West, ———, ———; W. J. Baer, Somerset, Pa.; P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.; John Truxal.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

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ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1ST, 1888.

To the Reverend Synods of Pittsburgh, of the Potomac and of the United States: DEAR BRETHREN:—At the beginning of this missionary year we had on the published roll 50 missions, to which 6 have been added, namely: Freeland, Hazelton, Plymouth, Maquoketa, Sioux City and York. Of these 56 missions please note:—1)

Harrisburg has become self-supporting. 2) Albany, Emporia and Orbisonia have been dropped from the roll as unpromising. 3) The remaining missions, namely: all those in the statistical table not in italics, are the new roll for the year beginning October 1st, 1888.

NOTES ON THE MISSIONS.

Abilene, Kansas.—The fruit of the present pastor's four years' work is a large and active membership in two congregations, and one good church with but little debt. The failure of crops has greatly affected the finances. The congregations as such are missionary societies, raising fifty cents a member for missions.

Albany, Oregon.—Here, even under faithful and self-denying effort, the work has gone forward but slowly. No congregation has yet been organized, and but few members have been found either in the city or in the country around where he has been preaching regularly. The prospects being poor, the mission will soon be closed.

Baltimore, Md.—Rev. D. P. Lefever left May 15th, 1888. Student M. O. Noll was supply for three months. A lot has been bought and a church is now erected under the care of Maryland Classis. The prospects are better now than ever before.

Bangor, Pa.—Rev. T. A. Huber left May 1st, 1888, and Rev. G. W. Remagen took charge the same date.

Boulder, Iowa.—Rev. W. E. Shaley, after a short pastorate, left March 1, 1888.

Chambersburg, Pa.—Rev. J. B. Shontz took charge May 1st, 1888. The additions have been large and the prospects are bright.

Clearville, Pa.—Rev. G. D. Klein, after a faithful pastorate of several years, left July 1st, 1888, hoping that a younger man might be able to do more than he for the mission.

Concord, N. C.—The additions have been few, but the spirit of the people is good and the prospects are hopeful.

Du Bois, Pa.—During the year many of our members lost heavily by the great fire which swept over the business part of the town; but in good hope the pastor is trying to secure the payment of the debt on the church as a great step toward self-support.

Duncannon, Pa.—The last report of the missionary states that he has resigned.

Dushore, Pa.—The prospects continue good. The people are united and good work is done.

Emporia, Kansas.—Early in the year a missionary was called, as a last effort to save this interest; but he declined the call, and the Executive Council dropped the mission from the roll, which the Board also approves.

Freeland, Pa.—Half the services are in German. Seriously affected by the strike, but now recovering. Rev. L. C. Edmunds left July 1st, 1888, and Rev. E. D. Miller at once took charge. Prospects good.

Harrisburg, Pa.—This mission, grateful to the Church for past aid, has now become self-supporting. For several years its giving to home missions has almost equalled its appropriations.

Hazellon, Pa.—The congregation was organized in June, 1887. The Sunday-school and Missionary Society were organized a few months later by Rev. E. D. Miller, who also supplied the mission until June 1st, 1888, when Rev. Aaron Noll became pastor. Services are held in a third-story hall. Building a church now engages their attention.

Imogene, Iowa.—The present pastor took charge January 1st, 1888. A long vacancy was hurtful. The field is improving.

Iola, Kansas.—Brighter prospects. The people are struggling with a failure of crops, and yet are bravely building a much-needed church.

Johnstown, Pa.—The town is growing rapidly. The prospects of the mission are good.

Kansas City, Mo.—Rev. R. L. Gerhart left April 15th. The mission was supplied by Rev. A. S. Weber till August 1st, 1888. The interest on the debt is met by the rent of two houses on the church-lot.

Lancaster, Pa.—A large Sunday-school and a large catechetical class are hopeful signs, as well as the necessary enlargement of its building. Steady progress from year to year.

Lansdale, Pa.—This promising mission has enlarged its church, and at the same time has increased the pastor's salary.

Latrobe, Pa.—"Prospects never before so bright," says the pastor, who now sees fruit from much hard work.

Leighton, Iowa.—Rev. D. K. Fulcason took charge October 15th, 1887. He is greatly encouraged by the activity of his people, and finds an open door in a neighboring settlement of Hollanders.

Lisbon, Iowa.—Encouraging progress during the year. Liberal giving.

Liscomb, Iowa.—Rev. S. Ream took charge December 1st, 1887. Prospects are a little better.

Lock Haven, Pa.—"The best year of my pastorate," says the missionary. Large additions and fair giving point to early self-support.

Maquoketa, Iowa.—This field, long self-supporting, was last year enrolled only for the time being, and hence is now dropped from the roll. Rev. J. R. Lewis left July 15, 1888.

Marietta, Pa.—Prospects are not bright. The best feature is a united people.

McKeesport, Pa.—From this time this congregation alone will be the mission, the other having been detached to form Braddock mission. Prospects good.

Mt. Jackson, Va.—The mission has introduced a better financial system, but has lost heavily by the death of leading members.

Napa City, Cal.—But little progress made, and yet there is hope.

New York, N. Y.—Martha Memorial Reformed Church is mainly German, but has also much English. The morning session of Sunday-school is English. The "Young Communicants' Association," of about 40 members, is English. And there is as much English catechization as German.

Orbisonia, Pa.—Rev. C. W. E. Siegel left February 1st, 1888, because of the unpromising character of the field, and the mission was then dropped from the roll, and referred to its Classis for care.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A heavy debt but an active people. Large additions and good prospects.

Phoenixville, Pa.—A good field in good condition. Rev. S. P. Mauger felt obliged to resign, leaving September 1st, 1888, after having done a good work in improving the property and in organizing the membership.

Plymouth, Pa.—Organized in 1880. Was under the care of East Susquehanna Classis until a year ago. Slow but steady growth.

Reading, Pa.—Remarkable growth and a hopeful future.

Salem, Oregon.—Even with all his hard work the missionary sees but little progress. The debt is small but burdensome. His people are willing but poor.

San Francisco, Cal.—In January, 1887, the consistory resolved to sell the church and close the work, but postponed doing so one year. In January, 1888, they again notified the Board of their purpose to sell the property, pay their debts and give the surplus to the Board. This is now in progress.

Scottdale, Pa.—Rev. H. S. Garner took charge nearly five years ago, with one congregation. After doing much work he now leaves it with three.

Seattle, W. T.—Grading the street having ruined the old site, a church has been built elsewhere, greatly burdening the congregation. "The outlook is better than ever," says the patient pastor.

Sioux City, Iowa.—The missionary preaches in town and country alternately. A lot has been bought and the church is building. The Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod in part supports this mission.

Stafford, Oregon.—The missionary speaks of much sowing and little visible fruit. Religious life is low and present prospects are poor; but all the Oregon missionaries have good hope of the future.

Stockton, Cal.—Vacant nearly two years.

Timberville, Va.—Vacant the entire year. Two persons were called, but both declined. "This is a promising point," says the elder.

Topeka, Kansas.—Supplied most of the year by Rev. D. B. Shuey. The Board, for want of funds, has not been able to commission a pastor.

Washington, D. C.—The membership has almost doubled in five years. The audiences are fair and the prospects are good, considering the disadvantages of a floating population and overshadowing churches. The pastor has resigned, to take effect June 1st, 1889.

West Union, Oregon.—The field is becoming more hopeful; but of necessity progress will be slow, which is true of all mission work in Oregon.

Wichita, Kansas.—Large additions, but also many losses. "Times are hard," says pastor Love, "but we have held our own financially and numerically." Bright future. Another young man of the congregation has decided to study for the ministry, making three in all within two years. Cheney, 26 miles distant, is brightening.

Wilkesburg, Pa.—Finances, additions and prospects are encouraging.

Williamsport, Pa.—The pastor sees much fruit from his four years' work, and a reduction of appropriation is now asked. (The debt is not made an excuse, but is waived aside to relieve the Board.)

Wilton Junction, Iowa.—The missionary, Rev. R. R. Lackey, has left the field.

Winchester, Va.—Vacant all the year, and has lost forty-one members. Rev. U. O. Mohr has been commissioned, taking charge October 1st, 1888. Vigorous efforts have been made to secure from Congress the claim of \$4200 for the use and destruction of their church during the war. The bill granting it is now before Congress. The Board gratefully acknowledges the prompt aid given by pastors and others throughout the Church in urging this claim.

Woodberry, Md.—The quarterly reports are invariably encouraging in reference to additions, attendance and liberality. The pastor gives attention also to the growing work in Northwestern Baltimore, superintending a Sunday-school of 139 and preaching there on Sunday evening.

York, Pa.—The church was built by Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., and dedicated in April, 1888. The congregation was organized in July following, by a committee of Zion's Classis, with very bright prospects. For four months it has been supplied by student W. T. Auman. Rev. I. N. Peightal will take charge October 1, 1888.

Kansas and Nebraska.—Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent of our work in the West, reports about 30 places where he has found almost 400 Reformed members, from 6 to 33 in each place. Several of these places are unusually promising, and should have early attention; but to send them pastors is at present simply impossible. (The same thing is true of some important fields in the East, *e.g.*, Steelton, Pa., and Northwest Baltimore.)

During the year he has preached in nearly all the charges in Iowa, Kansas and Wichita Classes, traveling at least 10,000 miles.

REMARKS.

1) This bird's-eye view of the missions shows that in the main they are in good condition, and several are near self-supporting.

2) We again call attention to the self-helpfulness and large giving of our missions. The 56 missions enrolled, having 5,430 communicants, paid for congregational expenses \$38,724, averaging \$7.31 a

member; and for benevolence nearly \$3,500, averaging 63 cents a member. Of the latter amount \$1,350 were given for home missions, *i. e.*, 24 cents a member. To see the force of this fact, please note that the average for congregational expenses in the Church at large is only about \$4.50 a member; for benevolence about 77 cents, and for home missions much less than 20 cents a member.

3) It must be noted that several of the values of churches include also the value of the lot; *e. g.*, Phoenixville, Woodberry, Abilene, Easton, Kansas City, New York, Reading, Philadelphia, Wichita, and likely some others.

4) The statistics of Orbisonia, Stockton, San Francisco and Emporia are taken from the report of last year.

5) In the last column of statistics, where no appropriation is named, it is because the mission is vacant.

THE INCOME OF THE YEAR.

1) *The Amount Asked.*—The Board a year ago asked the Synods for \$22,000 for the support of missionaries, namely, the Synod of the United States for \$12,000, the Synod of the Potomac for \$5,500, the Synod of Pittsburgh for \$4,500; but the treasurer's report shows that much less was raised; namely, by the Synod of the United States, \$8,924; by the Synod of the Potomac, \$5,419, and by the Synod of Pittsburgh, \$1,635.

2) *The Amount Paid by Classes.*—The following table shows more definitely where the deficit is, and also the number and approximate cost of the missions in each Classis:—

Synod of the United States.

CLASSES.	Appor- tionment by Synod.	Amount paid to our Board.	Number of Missions.	Cost this year.
East Pennsylvania	\$1415	\$845 40	2	\$450
Lebanon	716	371 74	0	.....
Philadelphia	1423	655 19	2	725
Lancaster	763	659 51	3	475
East Susquehanna	741	835 59*	0	.....
West Susquehanna	786	867 73	2	475
Goshenhoppen	1150	1033 74	0	.....
Tohickon	1075	1047 60	1	200

* Much of this should be credited to Wyoming, according to understanding at the time of division.

Lehigh	1730	740	25	0	.....
Schuylkill	1460	1817	28	1	450
Wyoming	741	50	00	4	650

Synod of the Potomac.

Zion's	550	134	17	1	300
Maryland	1450	1844	28	3	1200
Mercersburg	550	811	76	1	225
Virginia	450	814	68	3	150
North Carolina	225	55	06	1	250
Gettysburgh	900	821	85	0	.....
Carlisle	450	331	62	1	75
Juniata	900	817	89	2	170
Portland-Oregon	50	57	90	5	1325
San Francisco	50	62	00	3	200

Pittsburgh Synod. †

Westmoreland .....	.....	3	650
Clarion .....	.....	1	350
St. Paul's .....	.....	0	.....
Somerset .....	.....	0	.....
Allegheny .....	.....	2	650

The fifteen missions outside these three Synods have cost us about \$5,700, by Classes as follows: Iowa, \$2,300; Kansas, \$1,900; Wichita, \$1,300; New York, \$200.

[Please note: (1) that the total cost is so low because so many missions have been vacant the whole or part of the year; (2) that to this must be added the Board's outlay for Superintendent, secretary and treasurer, traveling expenses, telegrams, postage, printing and other incidental expenses.]

3) *The Effort to Raise \$22,000.*—In November last I published and gratuitously distributed 6,000 copies of *Leaflet No. 1*, giving much information and appealing for larger funds. In February 2,000 copies of *Leaflet No. 2* were similarly distributed, addressed more particularly to our Sunday-schools. And a special effort was made also to secure the Easter alms of our congregations. Many of our pastors and people gave earnest heed to these calls, and in some cases unexpectedly large sums were raised for our treasury; but the whole amount is much smaller than the Board had a right to expect. The total income of the year from all sources, \$16,738,

† This Synod did not separately apportion the \$3,000 which it assumed (instead of \$4,500 asked). Total amount paid was \$1635.

has not placed our work on a cash basis, to say nothing of enlargement.

4) *Will the Church do better next year?*—This yearly report represents the home missionary work of the three English Synods of the East, which have a communicant membership of 125,000, besides 75,000 unconfirmed members. Should not this number of persons give their Board a far larger income? Will not the Synods and Classes, will not pastors and consistories, will not these ordained leaders of the people, during the year to come, make greater and more successful efforts to this end?

The Board is painfully exercised concerning the smallness of our income. We cannot enlarge our work. Indeed, we cannot even duly pay the missionaries now on the roll; but it is useless to lament this fact without searching for the cause and trying to apply a remedy. Considering the great need, the great ability of the Church to meet it, and the repeated calls made for more money, why is it that so little has come into our treasury? It is not because our method of raising money is a poor one, so different from that used in raising other large sums.

5. *Systematic Getting.*—We again lay this call for more money and the question of method upon the mind and conscience of pastors and people, begging them to give as God has prospered them, and also in a systematic way, as He has taught us to give.

Will our consistories try to *secure monthly offerings* for missions (if not for all benevolence), from both Sunday-schools and congregations, by whatever plan may best suit each community?

Such a systematic getting would work wonders for our income. The world uses it with success. Giving in the Old Testament was intensely systematic, and God gave the plan. Even a very small sum given monthly by the membership of our three Synods would readily double our present income.

Now, will the Synods adopt such a general plan of systematic getting of monthly offerings? Will the Classes urge its introduction in all their charges? Will the Consistories encourage the people to try a plan that has divine sanction?

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

1.) Although the Board asked the Synods for the small sum of \$5,000 for this purpose, yet the treasurer reports only \$2203 received.

2.) With great pleasure we report that in addition to the Special or Memorial Funds reported last year, two others of \$ each have been received, namely, one from Elder Charles Santee Philadelphia, to be known as the Charles Santee Church-building Fund; and another from Elder Jacob Y. Dietz, of Philadelphia, to be known as the Catharine Dietz Church-building Fund. The Board makes grateful acknowledgment of these helpful gifts.

The three Funds reported last year have been loaned to the mission in Sioux City, Iowa, and the Santee Fund has been loaned to Maryland Classis for Faith Mission, in Baltimore—all on easy payments and at low interest. A mortgage has been received also for the mission at Wichita, Kansas, for \$1500, half of the money collected in the East over a year ago.

3.) The wisdom of having such Funds on hand to be used when most needed, becomes more and more apparent in the experience of the Board; and we trust that many others in the Church, able to establish such Funds, will early do so.

EDITORIAL WORK.

The *Reformed Missionary Herald* has been published, as before, by the Reformed Church Publication House, under the editorial control and direction of the Executive Council. The circulation was about 5,000, the same as last year.

Besides editing the *Herald*, the Superintendent has written also weekly articles on missions for the *Reformed Church Messenger*, and has prepared and distributed the Leaflets, to which reference is made in another part of this report.

AN ENGLISH MISSION IN CLEVELAND, O.

A year ago the Board promised to co-operate with Ohio Synod Board, under the management of General Synod's Board, in establishing an English mission in Cleveland, O., and the Executive Council has promised \$350 to this work; but so far no mission has been secured.

TRANSFER OF OUR PACIFIC COAST MISSIONS.

So soon as the Synods approved the action of the Board, proposing a transfer of our Pacific Coast Missions to a German Board, the Executive Council offered said missions to the Board of the Northwestern and the Central Synods on conditions named in the act; but that Board could not see its way clear to accept our

Total Aims.

\$ 84.10
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44.11

REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Total Alma.	How much of this was given for Home Missions.	Churches in the Mission.	Estimated Value.	Indebtedness.	Debt Paid this Year.	Insurance.	Have a Parsonage.	Appropriation Paid by the Board this Year.	Salary Paid by the Mission this Year.	Salary to be Paid by the Mission next Year.	Appropriation Asked for next Year.	Appropriation Voted by the Board for next Year.
\$ 84.10	\$ 32.00	1	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,000	0	\$ 5,000	0	\$ 500	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 500	\$ 500
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	20	?	500	500
6.48	?	0	0	0	0	0	0	350	50	50	?	.....
56.00	56.00	1	3,500	1,779	0	2,625	1	250	400	?	250	200
21.61	19.21	2	3,500	0	0	0	1	150	275	275	?	.....
75.00	30.00	1	2,000	0	0	1,000	0	350	350	350	350	350
47.44	?	1	800	0	0	0	1	125	200	?	.....	.....
56.46	26.00	1	2,000	100	300	0	0	250	150	150	250	250
59.00	?	2	5,800	774	128	2,000	1	350	250	275	325	325
45.00	20.00	3	4,000	100	0	2,000	0	75	464	?	75	75
59.00	20.00	2	2,800	150	0	0	0	125	300	300	?	.....
112.59	39.50	1	5,000	0	0	2,366	0	200	450	450	200	200
.....	.....	1	3,500	0	0	1,500	1	.....	.....	.....	0	0
0	0	1	6,000	2,000	150	3,000	0	150	500	500	150	150
142.50	74.15	1	8,000	0	0	4,000	1	75	400	450	0	0
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30.11	13.71	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	500	500	200	200
25.00	20.00	1	1,200	0	0	800	1	200	200	200	200	200
22.61	18.61	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	250	250	340	300
85.63	40.00	1	3,500	0	0	0	0	300	500	500	280	280
.....	.....	1	15,000	6,000	0	2,000	0	1,100	0	250	.....	.....
72.32	31.50	1	3,300	0	0	2,300	0	300	168	178	300	300
86.00	39.00	1	8,000	900	100	4,000	0	200	400	550	150	150
133.50	38.00	2	11,200	0	0	3,200	0	200	425	500	150	150
55.50	52.50	1	1,200	0	0	0	0	200	300	300	200	200
146.37	75	1	3,000	0	65	1,000	0	300	275	350	200	200
14.21	14.21	1	1,500	0	0	1,000	0	200	300	320	180	180
110.00	40.00	1	8,000	0	0	2,500	0	275	325	425	175	175
35.00	22.00	3	3,500	0	0	2,000	1	100	300	275	.....	0
.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	350	350	100	100
74.13	41.13	2	5,500	0	530	2,700	0	350	350	200	500	550
108.00	30.00	2	4,000	0	0	2,000	1	175	250	250	175	100
40.00	24.00	1	3,500	0	0	800	0	200	.....	100	200	200
52.20	42.20	1	50,000	25,000	2,000	25,000	0	200	420	?	200	150
.....	.....	3	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	300	300	.....	0
10.00	10.00	1	18,000	5,500	500	7,000	0	600	600	600	600	600
120.00	65.00	1	6,500	1,500	500	3,500	0	125	200	?	125	.....
50.00	16.00	1	3,000	0	0	2,000	0	200	300	300	200	200
289.00	40.00	1	8,000	1,500	1,500	2,000	0	450	400	700	200	200
9 50	9 50	1	4,500	550	50	1,200	1	125	200	200	150	125
0	0	1	7,500	4,000	0	2,500	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	0
117.24	25.00	2	4,500	175	0	2,600	0	150	398	?	150	.....
30.00	20.00	1	3,700	1,100	0	0	0	300	93	93	300	300
5.00	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	140	175	825	825
28.07	15.00	1	1,000	0	0	0	1	175	150	160	160	160
.....	.....	1	4,000	.....	.....	2,000	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16.00	6.00	2	3,000	0	0	0	1	100	200	200	100	.....
7.00	3.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	58	100	.....	.....
110.00	75.00	1	25,000	0	0	3,000	0	550	325	325	550	550
4.15	2.15	0	0	0	0	0	1	275	10	92	275	275
71.85	27.00	2	23,000	0	0	6,000	0	800	250	250	800	800
88.45	52.40	1	3,000	0	0	1,800	0	300	400	450	300	300
184.00	57.00	1	10,000	3,000	0	4,000	0	200	480	540	175	175
42.84	40.00	1	3,000	0	0	0	0	200	290	?	160	.....
.....	.....	2	4,000	0	0	0	1	0	0	?	225	250
441.71	104.00	1	4,000	0	0	3,100	0	200	200	300	200	200

although they consider the terms very fair. The offer will now be made to the Board of the German Synod of the East.

URSINUS UNION.

The missionary work of this body is reported by the treasurer, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D.D., as follows:

Rev. L. K. Derr, Reading, Pa.....	\$215
Rev. G. B. Seibel, Harrisburg, Pa.....	184
Rev. J. B. May, Birdsboro', Pa.....	30
Rev. J. A. Mertz.....	80
Mission Board of Ohio Synod.....	205
Grace Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.....	25
St. Mark's Church from the First Church of Lebanon, Pa.....	240
Miscellaneous.....	61
Total.....	\$1040

WORTHY OF STUDY.

The following facts should be carefully studied:—

Cash on hand September 20th, 1887.....	\$1,123 70
Received during the year.....	16,738 00
Paid out during the year.....	16,280 00
Cash on hand September 18th, 1888.....	1,582 00
Due the missionaries to October 1st, 1888.....	4,250 00
Borrowed money that should be paid next year.....	2,000 00
Estimated cost of the work next year.....	17,000 00

Adding the last three items, and deducting the cash on hand, gives us the amount absolutely necessary for the work of the missionary year beginning October 1st, 1888, namely, \$21,668.

THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR THE COMING YEAR.

For the work of the coming year the Board for the fourth time asks for \$22,000 for missions and \$5,000 for church-building, as follows:

For Missions: Synod of the United States, \$12,000; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$4,500; Synod of the Potomac, \$5,500.

For Church-building: Synod of the United States, \$2,500; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$1,000; Synod of the Potomac, \$1,500.

May God bless our missionaries and our missions. May God awaken greater missionary interest and activity among pastors and people. May God direct our Synods, Classes and consistories in this work. May God give the Board needful guidance. To Him be all the praise. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WHITMER, *Superintendent of Missions.*

II. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

I beg leave to present my annual report, exhibiting the income of the Board, and the disbursements made by it during the year ending September, 18, 1888.

RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia.....	\$655 19	Classis of Schuylkill.....	1,817 28
" Tohickon	1,047 60	" Lehigh	740 25
" Goshenhoppen..	1,033 74	" Lancaster.....	659 61
" E. Pennsylvania	845 40	" Wyoming*.....	135 74
" E. Susquehanna*	749 85		
" W. Susquehanna	867 73	Total.....	\$3,924 13
" Lebanon.....	371 74		

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Juniata.....	\$817 89	Classis of North Carolina..	55 06
" Carlisle.....	331 62	" Gettysburg.....	821 85
" Maryland.....	1,844 28	" Iowa.....	168 21
" Mercersburg	811 76	" Zion	134 17
" Virginia.....	314 68		
" San Francisco...	62 00	Total.....	\$5,419 42
" Oregon.....	57 90		

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Somerset.....	43 89	Classis of Westmoreland...	131 95
" Clarion.....	38 39	From Treasurer of Synod..	1,338 56
" Allegheny.....	42 48		
" St. Paul.....	45 00	Total.....	\$1,635 27

Miscellaneous Sources.

From the Synod of the Interior (Communion Collection).....	\$9 00
" Welker Legacy, interest and rent.....	180 00
" Women's Missionary Society of the General Synod.....	380 00
" Publication Board, for editing <i>Missionary Herald</i>	120 00
" Martha Memorial Church, New York City.....	17 00
" Gerhart Legacy (interest).....	6 00
" Susannah Dieffenbacher (Michigan).....	10 00
" Reformed Church, Wichita, Kansas.....	12 00
" Society of Inquiry, Union Theological Seminary, N. Y....	1 50
" Rev. W. E. Shaley, sum overpaid him.	19 21
" An unknown friend of Missions.....	5 00
" Balance in Treasury, September 20, 1887.....	1,123 70

Total from miscellaneous sources.....\$1,883 61

Total from all sources.....\$17,862 43

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders of the Board, paid by Treasurer during year..... \$14,941 92

* About one-half of the moneys credited to East Susquehanna and Wyoming Classes has been contributed by Wyoming Classis.

Orders by the Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod.....	1,338 56
Balance in the Treasury, September 18, 1888.....	1,581 95

Total..... \$17,862 48

Church Building Fund.

Received during the year, viz.: from		Dr.
Classis of Lancaster.....	\$227 71	Classis of Gettysburg..... 92 83
“ Lebanon.....	25 00	“ Juniata..... 65 50
“ Lehigh.....	140 26	“ Zion's..... 414 38
“ Philadelphia.....	38 00	“ North Carolina.. 1 50
“ Goshenhoppen... 125 16		“ Virginia..... 10 00
“ E. Pennsylvania 67 50		“ Carlisle..... 34 00
“ Tohickon..... 113 48		“ Westmoreland... 36 00
“ W. Susquehanna 124 44		“ Clarion..... 50 00
“ Schuylkill..... 484 67		“ Somerset..... 15 00
“ Mercersburg..... 132 39		

Total..... \$2,197 82

Miscellaneous Sources.

An unknown source.....	\$5 00
“Charles Santee, Special Building Fund.”.....	500 00
“Lerch Legacy”.....	2,375 00
Balance in the Treasury, September 20, 1887.....	3,666 18

Total from miscellaneous sources..... \$6,546 18

Total from Classes..... 2,197 82

Grand total..... \$8,744 00

Paid during the year, viz.:		Cr.
To Rev. J. W. Love, contributions received for Wichita Mission..	\$175 00	
To Rev. R. L. Gerhart, “ Kansas City “	45 00	
To Rev. F. Fox, for use of Martha Memorial Church, N. Y.....	60 00	
To Rev. Geo. H. Johnston, for use of the Church of the Strangers, Philadelphia.....	606 00	
To Rev. G. Graedel, for use of the Ref. Ch. of Seattle, W. Ter...	100 00	
To Rev. F. Wetzel, for use of the Reformed Church of Sioux City, Iowa, secured by mortgage.....	1,500 00	
To Rev. F. Wetzel, contributions received for Sioux City Church	135 67	
To Rev. S. A. Alt, for use of Reformed Church of Iola, Kansas	200 00	
To Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, for use of Maryland Classis, secured by mortgage.....	850 00	
To Rev. R. L. Gerhart, for use of Kansas City Mission, secured by mortgage.....	1,567 50	
To Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., for use of Grace Chapel, York, Pa.	381 25	
To amount paid Mrs. Naomi Snyder's note, principal and interest	749 00	
To amount transferred to Washington Mission Fund.....	248 70	
To amount of loan to Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., sec. by judgment	1,442 00	
To amount of balance in the Treasury, September 19, 1888.....	683 88	

Total disbursements..... \$8,744 00

Washington Mission Fund.

In order to pay a balance due on Mrs. A. V. L. Miller's note, which she held against the Board, the sum of \$248.70 was transferred from the "Church Extension" Fund for that purpose, and paid to her, September 26, 1887. Since then the sum of \$50 has been received from the Treasurer of Clarion Classis, "to aid in paying indebtedness on Washington (D. C.) Mission," which being no longer needed for that purpose, was placed in the general Fund for Church Building.

Respectfully submitted, WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States to audit the account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of said Board, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty enjoined upon us and find the Treasurer's account correct, with balances in the several funds as stated therein, namely:

For Missions.....	\$1,581 95
For Church Building.....	683 88

For the \$1,500 loaned Sioux City Mission, and the \$350 loaned Maryland Classis for East Baltimore Mission, no proper legal securities have as yet been received by the Treasurer, and for the \$135.67 paid Sioux City, August 31, 1888, as a donation out of the Building Fund, no receipt has been forwarded. We recommend that the receipt and securities, when received, be submitted for inspection to Bro. Geo. Kunkel, of Harrisburg, and that in future no "loans" be made until the Treasurer has received the proper legal securities.

D. S. KELLER,	} <i>Auditing Committee.</i>
JNO. H. SECHLER,	
J. A. HOFFHEINS,	

York, Pa., September 19, 1888.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the United States: Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

"The Lord hath done great things, whereof we are glad." With this note of praise to Almighty God for His great mercies through another year, permit me to lay before your reverend body a brief report of our Foreign Missionary work.

The record of the past year is a grand recital of magnificent prosperity. And this saying applies to the zeal and liberality of the Church at home, as well as to the work of our faithful missionaries in Japan. The Church has paid more attention to the cause of Foreign Missions than at any other time in her history. Our people have been awaking from a deep slumber, and we confidently hope that it may be a resurrection which knows of no second death.

The royal command of the Lord Jesus: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," has struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the people, for they take more interest in, and give more liberally for, the spread of the Gospel.

Our contributions for the last twelve months amount to \$20,000. This sum, however, includes in part the special offerings for the Girls' School Building at Sendai, the dwellings for the lady teachers and missionary Hoy, and the sending forth of two new missionaries and a lady teacher for the Girls' School.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

Rev. A. D. Gring and wife are still with us. Since he is unable to return with his family to Japan this fall, he will continue his visits among the churches in this country in the interest of the Board for its Mission in Japan. His stay in America has had a healthful influence on our pastors and people, to whose confidence and affection we commend him anew.

Rev. J. P. Moore and wife labor at Yamagata. He is the Principal of an English-Japanese school. His success as a teacher has been a great help to him in his evangelistic work. He writes: "Our school has been a sort of advertising medium to Christianity." He has laid the foundation for a flourishing congregation. The membership comprises the best people of the town, and with the new chapel, the growth of the congregation is assured. Mrs. Moore is an invaluable help, and she is never weary in doing good to the poor and needy. She is an angel of mercy to the infirm of the hospitals.

The Board is very anxious to secure another missionary family for Yamagata, for which provision has already been made, but up to this date our efforts have been in vain. We trust that the proper man may be found very soon.

Rev. W. E. Hoy was married to Miss Mary B. Ault on the 27th day of December, 1887. He is the Elijah in the school of the Prophets at Sendai, and with his amiable wife will accomplish great things for the Lord.

The Misses Poorbaugh have charge of the girls' school at Sendai. Miss Lizzie is one of the founders of that noble institution. Miss Emma arrived at Yokohama on the 9th day of July, 1888. The Board awaits great results from the joint labors of these sisters. We believe that the statement made by a missionary in regard to two sisters of another church will be verified in this instance: "I never knew better work than that done by two sisters, so permanent, so steady and every way successful and admirable, and they are still at it and apparently good for another quarter century."

Rev. D. B. Schneder and wife arrived at Yokohama on the 21st day of December, 1887. He is making rapid progress in the study of the Japanese language, and is wielding a good influence in the theological training school at Sendai.

SALE OF THE TOKIO HOUSE.

For reasons satisfactory to the Board, the 28 Tsukiji property was sold on the 14th day of July, 1888, for \$3,000. (Mexican currency). We are confident that the future will make it plain to the Church that the judgment of the Board, as well as the judgment of the Mission has been correct in this matter.

The sale of the house will in no wise interfere with our work in and around Tokio. The churches at Bancho and Nihon Bashi will remain as heretofore under the care of the mission, and receive appropriations from the Board. The money realized from the sale of the Tokio house will be used in the erection of the buildings at Sendai.

THE NEW BUILDINGS.

The Girls' school building is in process of erection, and the teachers expect to occupy it by next Christmas. Besides the school building, the Board is erecting two dwellings, one for the lady teachers and the other for missionary Hoy. The cost of the several structures will exceed the fund on hand for these specific purposes, but the Board has full confidence in the liberality of the people, and in faith, we go forward.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

On the 29th day of September, 1838, at the Synod in Lancaster, Pa., the Board of Foreign Missions was organized with the following ministers and elders as its members: Revs. Dietrich Willers, Elias Heiner, Bernard C. Wolff, John Cares, Samuel Gutelius, Jos. F. Berg, Samuel R. Fisher and Elders John J. Mayer, Matthew Shaw, Daniel Buckey, John B. Seidenstricker and Burchert Mayer. It is proper that we should celebrate such a memorable event. The Board has set apart the month of November as a suitable season for missionary services in honor of its fiftieth anniversary. A historical sketch will soon appear, containing many interesting facts. An order of service will also be ready in due time. The Board respectfully requests the Reverend Synods to take such action as will help to make the month of November a jubilee of missions.

STATISTICS OF THE WORK.

The statistical table of the mission for the fiscal year ending June 1st, 1888, presents a bird's-eye view of the work done by our faithful band of workers in Japan. Truly the Lord of the harvest has been graciously smiling upon their efforts to save souls. And the half has not been told. Back of the cold figures are the throbbing hearts of thankful men, women and children, who greatly rejoice that Jesus Christ dwells in them, "the hope of glory."

These cheerful tidings of the marvellous success of our dear brethren and sisters in the Empire of the Rising Sun, should fill us with fresh zeal and new courage.

In behalf of these precious "first fruits," we kindly ask for the earnest prayers, the warm sympathy and the liberal support of all the churches, and we affectionately urge the Reverend Synod to impress upon the hearts and minds of the people the urgent claims of Foreign Missions.

There is a great work for us to do in Japan, and the present is the missionary opportunity of our Church. Let us improve the golden opportunity and the Lord will cause the light of our dear Zion to shine more and more unto the perfect day. Yours in Gospel bonds,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

Pottsville, Pa., October 1, 1888.

TOKIO DISTRICT.	Organized Churches	Churches Self-sup.	Presching Stations.	Baptized Adult conv.	Baptized Children.	Mem. Rec. by Letter	Deaths.	Pres. Memb.			Boys' Schools.	Scholars in same.	Girls' Schools.	Scholars in same.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars in same.	Theological School.	Students of Theology.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Pre'ch'rs	Colporters.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.	
								Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.													
Nihon Bashi.....	1			9		5	1	25	16	9	50				1	58							\$44 63	
Oji.....				2	1	10		17	17	4	38				1	22							17 60	
Iwatsuki.....	1			6	2	17		53	21	7	81				1	45				1			20 98	
Matsubayashi and Noda				1	3	14		18	9	8	35				1	38							7 20	
Bancho.....	1	1		48	30			78	44	2	124				1	95		1	1	1			405 00	
SENDAI DISTRICT.																								
Sendai, Fukushima, Na-	1	1	3	207				5	346	143	489			1	48	5	161	1	8	3	2	1	\$768 27	
kamura, Hobara.....				61				73	25		98		78			1	93						155 81	
Iwanuma.....	1			31		1		42	16		58					1	58			1			67 55	
Ishinomaki and Tome.	1			8		2	2	24	12		36					1	11						35 00	
Fukukawa.....	1	1	2	20			26	42	25		67					1	7						178 50	
Hakodate.....																			1					
Mombetsu, Mororan	1	1	2	77				66	34	2	103					1	30						210 00	
and "Iburi".....				12				16	7		23		1	83		1	35		1		1		40 00	
Yamagata.....																								
Grand Total.....	8	4	7	482	8	68	56	6	801	369	32	1202	2	161	1	48	16	719	1	9	7	7	2	\$1950 64.

IV. REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions presented its report on Tuesday evening. The report was acted on item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit :

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States : The Standing Committee on Missions would respectfully report that the following documents were placed in our hands: 1. The Report of the Superintendent of Home Missions. 2. The Report of the Treasurer of Home Missions. 3. An Overture from the Board of Home Missions. 4. A Communication from the Women's Synodical Missionary Society. 5. Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

HOME MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BOARD.

From this document we learn that one mission, viz. : Harrisburg, has become self-supporting; and three missions, viz. : Albany, Emporia and Orbisonia, have been dropped from the roll as unpromising; and that the Board now has fifty-two missions under its care, of which number twelve are vacant—that the contributions of this Synod to the Board for the year amounted to \$8924.13, leaving a deficit of \$3075.87. The missions in the main are in good condition, and several are near self-supporting. We note with pleasure the growing spirit of benevolence of our missions for congregational expenses, the average member having paid \$7.31, and for benevolence 63 cents.

The Superintendent renews his appeal to the Synod for *systematic getting*, believing that such a system would work wonders for our income.

The Board states that in addition to the special Church Building Funds already reported, they have received two others of five hundred dollars each; also the "Lerch legacy," twenty-three hundred and seventy-five dollars. We find also that of the small sum of five thousand dollars asked by the Board from the three Synods for the Church Building Fund, our Synod has paid into the treasury only about thirteen hundred dollars.

The Board pleads for an increase of income, and laments the fact that it cannot promptly pay even the missions now on the roll. To carry forward our work for the coming year the Board asks of

this Synod the sum of twelve thousand dollars for missions, and twenty-five hundred dollars for Church Building. In view of these facts and recommendations, we propose the following for adoption :

Resolved, That we are truly grateful to the Lord for the prosperity of the work, and that we pray for His continued blessing upon all our missions and missionaries.

Resolved, That we hereby express confidence in the management of the Board.

Resolved, That we assume the sum of twelve thousand dollars for missions, and twenty-five hundred dollars for Church Building, to be apportioned among the Classes as follows :

	For Missions.	For Church-building.
Classis of East Pennsylvania	\$1415	\$310
“ Philadelphia	716	165
“ Lebanon	1423	310
“ Lancaster	763	175
“ East Susquehanna	741	175
“ West Susquehanna	786	175
“ Goshenhoppen	1150	250
“ Tohickon	1075	250
“ Lehigh	1730	375
“ Schuylkill	1460	315
“ Wyoming	741	
Total	\$12,000	\$2,500

WHEREAS, the treasurer of the Board reports a deficit of over three thousand dollars, and

WHEREAS, these deficiencies are an annual occurrence, thereby greatly embarrassing the Board and bringing reproach on the Synod, therefore

Resolved, That we respectfully ask the several Classes to urge all the charges within their bounds to pay their whole apportionment for Home Missions.

Resolved further, That where charges habitually neglect or refuse to pay their apportionments for Home Missions, the Classes are hereby instructed not to apportion any amount upon said charges.

Resolved further That those Classes where such delinquent charges exist shall report the same to this Synod.

II. REQUESTS OF THE BOARD.

1. The Board overtures this Synod to insist upon our membership removing from one locality to another, taking their letters of dismission with them, thus fulfilling the constitutional obligation on this point, and in many places materially helping our struggling missionary interests.

Resolved, That this Synod requests all the Classes to enjoin upon all pastors and consistories to furnish a certificate of dismission to members who may remove from the bounds of their respective charges.

2. The Board also overtures this Synod to instruct, through the Classes, all the churches and charges under their care, with their Sunday-schools, which have not as yet introduced some efficient plan of *monthly offerings* for missions, to set apart one Lord's Day every month, which shall be known as "Missionary Sunday," when special offerings for said cause of Home Missions shall be lifted.

Resolved, That this Synod complies with this request, and instructs the Classes accordingly.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod urges the Classes to organize missionary societies as soon as practicable, and with renewed earnestness attend to the circulation of the *Reformed Missionary Herald*, and other missionary literature.

4. *Resolved*, That we gratefully note the additional Church Building Funds to be used as loans to missions, and that we renew our appeal to the Classes, congregations and people to create as many such as their means will allow.

III. WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

On October 12, 1888, at 2 P.M., a meeting of delegates was held in the Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa., and others from various charges, to organize a "Women's Synodical Missionary Society."

The following officers were elected for one year: Mrs. Mary G. Heitshu, President; Mrs. A. Houtz, Vice-President; Mrs. Rebecca S. Dotterer, Recording Secretary; Mrs. L. Louisa Unger, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Sarah E. P. Mosser, Treasurer.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod be requested to appoint a Committee of Counsel to advise the Committee on Constitution of the "Women's

Synodical Missionary Society" in the formation of a Constitution.

Resolved, That we respectfully request Synod to set apart Friday evening to be devoted to the exercises of the "Women's Synodical Missionary Society," and to the consideration of woman's work.

Your committee recommend that the above requests be complied with.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

IV. A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

From this document we learn that the past year has been a very prosperous one. The Church is alive to the great work among the heathen in Japan, as is evident from the large receipts during the past twelve months. The missionaries manifest a *deep interest* in their work, and the Lord is abundantly blessing them.

We also find that the Board has set apart the month of November as a suitable season for *memorial services* in honor of its fiftieth anniversary, and requests this Synod to take such action as will be worthy of the cause.

We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we greatly rejoice in the continued prosperity of our mission in Japan, and that we heartily thank the Lord for the privilege of taking part in the evangelization of the people in the Empire of the Rising Sun.

Resolved, That we commend anew our foreign work to the earnest prayers, the warm sympathy and the liberal support of all our people.

Resolved, That we instruct the pastor of this Synod to observe the third Lord's Day in November with appropriate services and special offerings in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, *Chairman*.

The Special Committee appointed to aid the committee of the Women's Missionary Societies in the formation of a constitution for that organization, consists of Revs. A. Carl Whitmer, A. R. Bartholomew and Elder D. S. Keller.

V. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIFICATION OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Special Committee on Unification of Home Missions, appointed a year ago at the Synod of Sunbury, presented its report.

It was taken up item by item and finally adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your Committee on the Unification of Home Missions, appointed one year ago at Sunbury, with instructions to report at this meeting of Synod, begs leave to submit the following:

Meetings of the committee were held in the Reformed Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa., prior to and during the sessions of Synod. The question of the unification of our Home Mission work was carefully considered in the light of advantages and disadvantages, and earnestly discussed.

The committee finally agreed to present for your consideration, and trust that it may meet with your approval, the following, viz. :—

I. *Resolved*, That this Synod heartily concurs in the action of the General Synod *looking to* Unification of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, under a Board of Home Missions of the General Synod; but,

Resolved further, That for the present we do not see our way clear to take any definite action in the matter of unification, but stand prepared to do so as soon as the movement shall assume a practical shape.

II. To further the practicability of the work, we would suggest to this Synod for its adoption the following preamble and resolutions:

Inasmuch as the Board of Home Missions of General Synod has been supervisory in its character, and still continues to be so, therefore should the General Synod at its sessions in Lebanon, Pa., in 1890, adopt the theory of the unification of the Home Mission work of the church under the General Board, we would respectfully suggest the following as in our judgment the best plan for carrying on the work:

Resolved, That this Synod overture the General Synod to direct its Board of Home Missions to appoint such executive officers, secretaries or Superintendents, or both, with due regard to the German and English languages, as shall secure the greatest measure of efficiency in the work of the Board.

Resolved, That this Synod overture the General Synod to di-

rect its Board of Home Missions to use moneys contributed by the German brethren in the interest of German missions, and moneys contributed by the English-speaking brethren in the interest of missions conducted in the English language, and of those conducted in English and German alternately.

III. And, moreover, should the General Synod adopt the theory of unification *and* the plan proposed in the foregoing overtures, then we would further recommend to this Synod the following action to carry out the theory and plan proposed above :

Resolved, That this Synod unite with the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods in the dissolution of the Tri-Synodic compact.

Resolved, That this Synod overture the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods to unite with it in directing the members of the Tri-Synodic Board, known by the corporate title, "The Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States," to transfer all missions under its care, and all moneys in hand for missionary purposes, and all mortgages on loans for church-building purposes, and all other moneys, securities and properties, real or personal, whatsoever held by it as a missionary Board, together with all corporate rights and privileges of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod overture the Ursinus Union to dissolve its department of Home Mission work in the interests of unification of Home Missions, and to transfer all moneys, securities and properties, real or personal, held by it for missionary purposes, together with all rights and privileges relating to the same, to the General Synod's Mission Board.

Resolved, That the limit for carrying out the provisions of the foregoing resolutions expire with the meetings of District Synods in 1890, and of Classes in 1891, and that at the end of the limited term, provided the theory and plan have been adopted, all moneys contributed for Home Missions be forwarded to the treasurer of General Synod's Home Mission Board.

Resolved, That until the General Synod shall have settled the question of unification, either *pro* or *con.*, this Synod will carry forward its Home Mission work as it has done since 1874.

IV. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of this Synod be instructed to transmit a copy of the foregoing action to the several District Synods of the Reformed Church.

V. In reference to the resolution offered at the last meeting of this Synod, and referred to our consideration (see Minutes of 1877, page 58), we would propose the following action :

WHEREAS, since the organization of the Synod of the Interior, this Synod is not aware of any missions being carried forward or having been undertaken beyond the territory covered by the Synods represented in the Tri-Synodic Board without the consent and permission of the District Synod in which such missions are located ; therefore,

Resolved, That we see no occasion for further action this time.

Respectfully submitted, JNO. H. SECHLER, *Chairman*.
Norristown, Pa., October 11th, 1888.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod, and also the Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod, were received. The Reports being read, the former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance. The following are the Reports :

Annual Report of the Trustees of Synod.

To the Venerable Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The Board of Trustees of your body convened October 9th, 1888, at Lebanon, Pa., and instructed the undersigned to inform you that the term of office of John Meily expires on January 1st, 1889. The Board nominated Hon. Geo. D. Stitzel, of Reading, Pa., and Jacob K. Funk, of Lebanon, Pa., one of whom is to be elected to fill said vacancy.

The Board, as at present constituted, consists of the following persons:

Elder John Meily, whose term expires January 1st, 1889.	
Rev. John W. Steinmetz, " " " " 1890.	
Elder John J. Nissley, " " " " 1891.	
Elder D. B. Mauger, " " " " 1892.	
Rev. Geo. B. Reaser, " " " " 1893.	

Respectfully submitted, JNO. W. STEINMETZ, *President*.

JOHN MEILY, *Treasurer, in account with the Reformed Church in the U. S. 1888.*

	Contingent Fund Account.	Dr.
July 18. From Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis.		\$34 00
" 20. From Rev. T. O. Stem, Treasurer E. Penna. Classis...		113 00
Aug. 20. From H. C. Hoover, Treasurer Philadelphia Classis...		49 00
" 23. From Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer Tohickon Classis...		82 00
Sept. 8. From Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis.		78 00
" 11. From Rev. T. Kessler, Treasurer Lebanon Classis.....		116 00
" 17. From Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis		56 00

Sept. 18.	From Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. W. Susquehanna Classis	\$58 00
" 28.	From Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Treas. Lehigh Classis	131 00
Oct. 3.	From Geo. Hill, Treasurer E. Susquehanna Classis....	81 00
" 4.	From D. B. Manger, Treasurer Goshenhoppen Classis.	80 00

Total..... \$878 00

Oct. 8.	To balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$188 04
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1887.		Cr.
Oct. 17.	By balance due Treasurer.....	\$6 38

1888.		
Feb. 10.	Rev. J. P. Stein, Clerk of Synod, on account.....	50 00
June 14.	Rev. J. P. Stein, Clerk of Synod, on account.....	60 00
July 27.	Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, on account of printing bill.....	63 00
Aug. 21.	Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, on account of printing bill.....	49 00
Aug. 24.	Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, on account of printing bill.....	82 00
Sept. 5.	Rev. J. P. Stein, balance.....	84 86
Sept. 11.	Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, on account of printing bill.....	150 00
Sept. 18.	Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, on account of printing bill.....	170 76
Sept. 21.	Daniel Miller, printing 500 circulars, &c., for pastors and Consistories.....	3 96
Oct. 3.	Rev. J. C. Leinbach, synodical expenses.....	20 00
	Balance in hand of Treasurer.....	183 04

Total..... \$878 00

1888.	Seminary and Gerhart Fund.	Dr.
Feb. 10.	Harrisburg City Bonds, 6 mos. int., Gerhart legacy.....	\$9 00
" 10.	C. N. Mumma, adm., 6 mos. int., part Kieffer legacy.....	125 00
" 16.	C. N. Mumma, adm., principal of mort. paid "	5,000 00
" 16.	C. N. Mumma, adm., int. on above Feb. 1 to 16.....	10 40
April 4.	Leonard Mountz, 6 mos. int., part Kieffer legacy.....	112 50
" 4.	John W. Mish, Treasurer of St. John's Reformed Congregation, Lebanon, 6 mos. interest Cook legacy...	30 00
" 12.	J. J. Bishop, 1 mos. int. on \$5,000, at 3 per cent., part Kieffer legacy.....	12 50
July 11.	Harrisburg City Bonds, 6 mos. int., Gerhard legacy...	9 00
Sept. 29.	J. J. Bishop, 6 mos. int., part Kieffer legacy.....	125 00
Oct. 2.	Leonard Mountz, 6 mos. int., part Kieffer legacy.....	112 50
" 2.	J. W. Mish, Treasurer, 6 mos. int., Cook legacy.....	30 00

Total..... \$5,575 90

1888.		Cr.
Mch. 31.	J. J. Bishop, part Kieffer legacy, secured by 1st mort. \$5,000 00	
April 17.	J. B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, Lancaster..	290 40
Sept. 17.	R. F. Kelker, Treasurer of Foreign Missions, 12 mos. interest, Gerhard legacy.....	6 00
" 17.	W. H. Seibert, Treasurer of Board of Home Missions, 12 months' interest, Gerhard legacy.....	6 00
" 17.	Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, Treasurer of Board of Education, 12 months' interest, Gerhard legacy.....	6 00
Oct. 2.	J. B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, Lancaster..	267 50

Total..... \$5,575 90

1888.		Wichita University Fund.	Dr.
May	7.	Rev. T. O. Stem, Treasurer of E. Pennsylvania Classis	\$35 00
"	12.	Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer W. Susquehanna Classis.	62 55
"	22.	George Hill, Treasurer East Susquehanna Classis.....	119 99
Sept.	18.	Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer W. Susquehanna Classis.	8 00
Total.....			\$225 54
1889.			Cr.
June	21.	Rev. D. B. Shuey, President of Board of Trustees of Wichita University.....	\$217 54
Oct.	4.	Rev. D. B. Shuey, President of Board of Trustees of Wichita University.....	8 00
Total.....			\$225 54
1889.		Contingent Fund of General Synod.	Dr.
June	28.	Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treasurer Schuylkill Classis....	\$124 00
Oct.	1.	Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer Tohickon Classis.....	98 00
To amount in hands of Treasurer, Oct. 8, 1888.....			\$222 00
1889.		Balance of Bond due to Board of Home Missions.	Dr.
July	31.	Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis.....	\$23 00
To amount in hands of Treasurer, Oct. 8, 1888.....			23 00
Unpaid Apportionments of Contingent Fund of Synod in the U. S.			
East Susquehanna Classis, 1887.....			\$54 00
Wyoming Classis, 1885 and 1886.....			81 00
Wyoming Classis, 1887.....			54 00
Total.....			\$189 00

I annex hereto the following memorandum, by request of Rev. D. B. Shuey, President of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University:

Lebanon, Pa., October 4th, 1888.

Received from the following parties for the Endowment Fund of Wichita University, as collected within the bounds of the Synod of the United States of the Reformed Church.

1887.			
Jan.	7.	Mrs. H. S. Dotterer, Missionary Soc., Phila. Classis.....	\$50 00
"	8.	Rev. B. Bausman, D.D., St. Paul's Memorial Church...	100 00
"	30.	Rev. A. S. Leinbach, D.D.....	100 00
"	30.	Leesport Congregation.....	20 00
"	30.	Hamburg Congregation.....	20 00
Feb.	14.	First Reformed Church, Reading.....	100 00
"	14.	Orwigsburg charge.....	10 00
Mch.	3.	J. R. Hilbush, Mahanoy charge.....	25 00
"	28.	Trinity Congregation, Tamaqua.....	25 00
"	28.	St. John's, Schuylkill Haven.....	15 00
"	28.	New Jerusalem, Schuylkill Haven.....	37 00
"	28.	Second Church, Reading.....	250 00

April 1.	New Holland charge.....	\$ 35 00
" 4.	Jacob Bausman.....	1000 00
May 11.	Zion's Church, Pottstown.....	25 00
June 6.	James T. Reber, Treasurer of Schuylkill Classis.....	23 00
" 26.	Martin Bushong.....	10 00
July 23.	Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer.....	60 00
Aug. 17.	Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer.....	100 00
Dec. 23.	Rev. J. D. Detrich.....	50 00
Feb. 13, 1888.	Oley charge, Rev. I. S. Stahr.....	40 00
Total.....		\$2,095 00

For all of the above this duplicate receipt is given to John Meily,
Treasurer of said Synod.

D. B. SHUEY,

President of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

October 8, 1888.

JOHN MEILY, *Treasurer.*

Lebanon, Pa., October 8th, 1888.

The undersigned committee, appointed to audit the foregoing account, report that we have examined the same, compared the vouchers, and find it correct as stated.

GEO. B. RESSER, } *Committee.*
JNO. J. NISSLEY, }

FUNDS RECEIVED SINCE CLOSING THE STATEMENT.

1888.

Wichita University Fund.

Oct. 10. Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treasurer of Schuylkill Classis. \$22 00

Report of Special Committee on arrearages to Wichita University.

Your committee, to whom were referred the Items touching the action of certain Classes, with reference to the Wichita University, would beg leave to report—

That they carefully examined the Classical Records, in each case, and find the following:

1st. That the Classis of Philadelphia simply requests Synod to excuse it from the payment of its apportionment towards Wichita University without urging any reasons for the request.

2d. That the Classis of Tohickon bases its request upon the Claim, that it has already paid more than its *pro rata* apportionment to the Fund, and should therefore be relieved of the payment of the assessment in question.

3d. That the Classes of East Pennsylvania, of Lebanon and Lehigh were influenced in their adverse action by unfavorable reports as to the condition of Wichita University, and have merely

postponed action until further and more encouraging information as to its status may be received by them.

Your committee would therefore recommend that in view of the representations made by Rev. D. B. Shuey, now in our midst, which seem to promise success, and in view of the moral responsibility resting upon this Synod, and through it, upon the several Classes, this Synod does most earnestly request the above Classes to waive what may seem to be just reasons for their action, and to make provision for the payment of their apportionment at the earliest possible day.

Respectfully submitted,

SAML. G. WAGNER,
FRANK K. LEVAN,
D. S. KELLER.

In connection with the 12th item on the Report on the Minutes of Synod, the following resolutions were adopted :

Inasmuch as the Synod of the United States at its annual sessions, held in Philadelphia, October, 1886, did direct the Treasurer to borrow the balance of \$5000 pledged by Synod to Wichita University, and unpaid on the 1st of April, 1887, and inasmuch as this has not been done, Synod now directs its Board of Trustees to make a note or bond, with proper and sufficient endorsement, and at once borrow the money and pay the same to the Board of Trustees of Wichita University—and further,

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in its ultimate success, and its great usefulness in the future operations of our Church in the West, and that we, therefore, request the Classes and charges in arrears in pledges, or apportionments to this good cause to make immediate payment.

Resolved, That we request the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Tohickon and Philadelphia, which declined bearing any part in this matter, to reconsider their action and at once to assist in this good work.

Report on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted its Report, which was acted on item by item, and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to offer the following report. Items were referred to us, viz.:

1. The Report of the Synod's Treasurer.

2. The Contingent Fund of Synod.

3. The Salary of Teacher of Elocution, and an item of \$50.00 to pay principal and interest on loan made by the President of the Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

4. The Seminary Aid Fund.

Your committee apportioned the amounts given us among the several Classes on the basis of communicant members.

1. The Contingent Fund of Synod, estimated amount necessary, \$700.

East Pennsylvania Classis...	\$75 00	Goshenhoppen Classis.....	\$68 00
Lebanon Classis.....	90 00	Tohickon Classis.....	62 00
Philadelphia Classis.....	42 00	Lehigh Classis.....	100 00
Lancaster Classis.....	43 00	Schuylkill Classis.....	86 00
East Susquehanna Classis...	44 00	Wyoming Classis.....	44 00
West Susquehanna Classis..	45 00		

2. Salary of Teacher of Elocution, amount \$150.00.

East Pennsylvania Classis..	\$16 00	Goshenhoppen Classis.....	\$14 00
Lebanon Classis.....	18 00	Tohickon Classis.....	12 00
Philadelphia Classis.....	8 00	Lehigh Classis.....	20 00
Lancaster Classis.....	8 00	Schuylkill Classis.....	16 00
West Susquehanna Classis..	12 00	Wyoming Classis.....	12 00
East Susquehanna Classis...	12 00		

3. The Seminary Aid Fund, amount needed, \$250.00.

East Pennsylvania Classis..	\$28 00	Goshenhoppen Classis.....	24 00
Lebanon Classis.....	38 00	Tohickon Classis.....	22 00
Philadelphia Classis.....	14 00	Lehigh Classis.....	36 00
Lancaster Classis.....	14 00	Schuylkill Classis.....	32 00
West Susquehanna Classis..	16 00	Wyoming Classis.....	15 00
East Susquehanna Classis...	\$16 00		

Respectfully submitted, H. MOSSER, *Chairman*.

An order for \$25.00 on the Treasurer was granted in favor of Rev. Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, Pastor of the Reformed Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa., for printing and other expenses incurred during the sessions of Synod.

Hon. Geo. D. Stitzel, of Reading, Pa., was elected to fill the vacancy occurring January 1st, 1889, in the Board of Trustees of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Five items, under the general head of appeals, in the Report on Minutes of Classes, were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. E. N. Kremer, D. E. Schoedler and Elder Jno. W. Bickel, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee, to whom were referred the appeals of Rev. Dr. I. K. Loos as Counsel for the Consistory of Christ Reformed Church

of Bethlehem, Pa., from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis, would respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:—

1. We find all the appeals, namely,

(a) The appeal from the action of the East Pennsylvania Classis, relative to the appeal of A. F. Knight and others, members of Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., from the Consistory and Spiritual Council of Christ Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Pa.

(b) The appeal from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis, requesting Rev. Dr. I. K. Loos to withdraw entirely, and finally, from all further service in Christ Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Pa.

(c) The appeal from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis, instructing Rev. Dr. I. K. Loos to cease the exercise of all the functions of the Christian Ministry within the limits of Christ Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Pa.

(d) The appeal from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis, declaring the excommunication of A. F. Knight by the Consistory of Christ Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Pa., null and void.

(e) The appeal from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis, declaring the election for church-officers, held in Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., May 9, 1888, unconstitutional, and therefore null and void:—to be in order, the steps required by the constitution having been observed by the appellant.

2. That the appeals be heard and disposed of separately, with the exception of *b* and *c*, which can be heard and disposed of together.

3. That all the papers pertinent to the appeal be read.

4. That in the hearing of each case, the appellant be given twenty minutes to open the case, the appellee thirty minutes to reply, and the appellant ten minutes to close the case. After the appellant and appellee have been heard, the vote shall be taken. Before closing this part of the report, your Committee deem it proper to say that the so-called appeals marked *b*, *c*, *d* and *e* in this report should have been brought before Synod in the form of complaints against the action of East Pennsylvania Classis, but that, since the Classis did not correct this error, but allowed what should have been complaints to go on its minutes as appeals, the Synod should permit them to be heard in the form in which they have come before it.

5. That the hearing of these appeals be made the order of the day at two o'clock on Monday afternoon.

E. N. KREMER, *Chairman.*

The Order of the day having arrived, namely the appeal of Rev. Dr. I. K. Loos and Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis, the papers proper in the case were read. Revs. Dr. D. E. Klopp, Dr. Jno. A. Peters and Elder D. S. Keller appeared as counsel in behalf of Dr. I. K. Loos, and Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., and Revs. H. M. Kieffer, T. O. Stem and J. W. Mabry defended the action of East Pennsylvania Classis.

The yeas and nays were called, and the vote resulted as follows:

Yeas: Jas. B. May, O. P. Steckel, D. E. Klopp, E. N. Kremer, J. C. Leinbach, G. W. Gerhard, D. O. Shoemaker, N. Z. Snyder, D. E. Schoedler, J. A. Peters, G. S. Sorber.

Elders: Isaiah C. Gerhart, Josiah Keen, D. S. Keller, Wm. Moyer, Henry Fornwald.—16.

Nays: Revs. Tobias Kessler, J. H. A. Bomberger, J. B. Henry, J. H. Pannebecker, J. S. Stahr, D. C. Tobias, T. Derr, L. D. Steckel, L. K. Evans, C. S. Wieand, M. H. Mill, A. B. Koplin, S. G. Wagner, E. A. Gernant, M. H. Diefenderfer, N. W. Helfrich, J. J. Fisher, O. H. Strunck, H. Mosser.

Elders: Jno. W. Bickel, Wm. K. Gresh, A. M. Schmidt, Geo. F. Stong, Reuben Reigner, Fred. Crouse, Nathaniel Metz, Wilson Peter, R. H. Kramm, H. Y. Stoner.—29.

Non liquet: A. R. Bartholomew.

Notice was given by Elder D. S. Keller, one of the Counsel in behalf of Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., that he would appeal from the decision of Synod to the General Synod.

On Monday evening, the appeals marked *b* and *c*, were brought before Synod for consideration. The papers having reference to these appeals were read, and the counsel on both sides heard. The yeas and nays were called, and the vote resulted as follows:

Yeas: Revs. Jas. B. May, D. E. Klopp, Jno. A. Peters. *Elders* Isaiah C. Gerhart, D. S. Keller, Wm. Moyer, Henry Fornwald.—7.

Nays: Revs. O. P. Steckel, J. B. Henry, J. H. Pannebecker, W. J. Johnson, J. S. Stahr, D. C. Tobias, E. N. Kremer, Wm. G. Engle, T. Derr, G. W. Gerhard, L. D. Steckel, D. O. Shoemaker, L. K. Evans, C. S. Wieand, N. Z. Snyder, M. H. Mill, A. B. Koplin, S. G. Wagner, E. A. Gernant, M. H. Diefenderfer, N. W. Helfrich, J. J. Fisher, O. H. Strunck, H. Mosser. *Elders* Jno W. Bickel,

Wm. K. Gresh, Fred Crouse, Nath. Metz, Wilson Peter, R. H. Kramm, Danl. Miller, A. M. Schmidt, Josiah Keen, Geo. F. Stong, Reuben Reigner.—35.

Non liquet: Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, J. C. Leinbach, D. E. Schoedler, F. K. Levan.—4.

Notice was given by Rev. Dr. D. E. Klopp, one of the counsel in behalf of Dr. I. K. Loos and Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., that he would appeal from the decision of this body to the General Synod.

On Tuesday the appeal marked *d*—namely the appeal from the action of East Penna. Classis, declaring the excommunication of A. F. Knight by the Consistory of Christ Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Pa., null and void, as the business pending before Synod.

The Counsel of Rev. Dr. I. K. Loos and the Consistory of Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, asked permission to record the following on the minutes as a matter of privilege.

The appellant's counsel file the following paper. While submitting, that the appeal in this case was sustained by Classis on erroneous grounds, inasmuch as there is nothing in the minutes of the special meeting of Classis held March 1, 1888, to show that the proceedings of the spiritual counsel in the case of the excommunication of A. F. Knight was unconstitutional and irregular, the appellants have been advised by their counsel, that a fatal error was committed by the spiritual counsel in not reducing the testimony adduced before it to writing, and therefore beg leave to be allowed to withdraw this appeal. In response to this request the following action was adopted.

Resolved, that without endorsing any of the reasons assigned the request to withdraw the appeal is granted.

Rev. H. M. Kieffer, one of the counsel in behalf of the delegates of East Pennsylvania Classis, was granted permission to record in the Minutes of Synod as a matter of privilege the following:—

The delegates of East Pennsylvania Classis, appointed for the defense of the action of said Classis, in the excommunication of A. F. Knight, beg leave, in behalf of said Classis to place upon the minutes of this body, since they are in the belief of some, debarred from the privilege of protest, their unqualified objection to any such construction of the above paper presented by the counsel for the appellant as may imply that any action of East Pennsylvania Classis was on erroneous grounds in the case of A. F. Knight.

On Tuesday afternoon the appeal marked (e), namely the appeal from the action of East Pennsylvania Classis, declaring the election for church-officers held in Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., May 9, 1888, unconstitutional and therefore null and void, was brought before Synod for its consideration. Rev. D. E. Klopp and Elder D. S. Keller appeared as counsel in behalf of Dr. I. K. Loos and the Consistory of Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., and Revs. H. M. Kieffer and T. O. Stem as counsel for the delegates of East Pennsylvania Classis in defense of their own action. The papers pertaining to the case were read, and the counsel on both sides heard. The yeas and nays were called, and the result of the vote was as follows:

Yeas: Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, J. C. Leinbach, D. O. Shoemaker, D. E. Schoedler, J. A. Peters, D. E. Klopp. Elders H. M. Housekeeper and Henry Fornwald.

Nays: Tobias Kessler, Jas. B. May, O. P. Steckel, J. H. Pannebecker, E. N. Kremer, J. S. Stahr, D. C. Tobias, Geo. W. Gerhard, L. D. Steckel, L. K. Evans, C. S. Wieand, N. Z. Snyder, M. H. Mill, A. B. Koplin, Saml. G. Wagner, E. A. Gernant, N. W. Helfrich, J. J. Fisher, O. H. Strunck. Elders Josiah Keen, A. M. Schmidt, Wm. Moyer, Geo. F. Stong, Reuben Reigner, Fred. Crouse, Nath. Metz, Wilson Peter, Danl. Miller.

Non liquet: Jno. W. Bickel.

Notice was given by Rev. Dr. D. E. Klopp, one of the Counsel for Rev. Dr. I. K. Loos and the Consistory of Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., that he would appeal from the decision of this body to the General Synod.

On motion a committee of five, consisting of three ministers and two elders, was appointed to confer with both parties with reference, to the difficulties existing in Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., and to report a certain line of action, for Synod, in regard to this matter. The Committee consists of Revs. J. C. Leinbach, Saml. G. Wagner, D.D., E. N. Kremer and Elders Jno. W. Bickel and H. M. Housekeeper.

A paper bearing on the state of affairs in, Christ Reformed Church Bethlehem, Pa., was presented by Rev. D. F. Brendle, D.D., and referred to the committee appointed to consider this case.

The Special Committee to whom were referred the difficulties in Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., presented its report on Wednesday morning, which was adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:—

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the difficulties in Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., with instruction to recommend some action looking to a speedy restoration of the interests of the Reformed Church to their proper status, would beg to report the following:—

Recognizing the earnest efforts of the Classis of East Pennsylvania to adjust the difficulties existing in said congregation, and if possible to bring about peace and harmony among its members, and believing that under God's Providence and in His own good time, these efforts, if properly encouraged and furthered by this body, will so result. Therefore

1. *Resolved*, That we do hereby prayerfully admonish *all* the members of Christ Reformed Church, of Bethlehem, Pa., to lay aside all selfish feeling, and to remember that as Christians they are *to live for each other and for the glory of God.*

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod expresses the hope that the *entire* congregation will be reconciled to the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and will bear in mind that in all its actions, the Classis has been seeking only the common welfare of all.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod does hereby request the Classis of East Pennsylvania to call a special meeting at an early day, and endeavor to make such provision for the organization of a Second Reformed Congregation, as may be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

4. *Resolved*, That whilst this Synod does not wish to dictate to the lower judicatory, it would still suggest that a division of the congregation be effected on the following basis:—

Those members remaining in the old organization of Christ Reformed Church to agree to pay to those who shall withdraw in the interest of the new organization, the sum of Four Thousand dollars—and transfer to them the old organ now used by the Sunday-school, and one half of the *Poor fund.*

5. *Resolved*, That this Synod does hereby appoint the Revs. L. K. Evans, H. Mosser and Elder Frederick Crouse a committee, whose

duty it shall be to co-operate with the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and the members of Christ Reformed Church, in the organization of this new congregation, should their presence and assistance be desired by the Classis. Respectfully submitted,

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to communicate to the Classis of East Pennsylvania and to the Reformed Church of Bethlehem the action of this Synod in adopting the report of the Committee on the difficulties in Christ Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Pa. The following statement was read by Dr. I. K. Loos personally on the floor of Synod, and which on motion, was ordered to be engrossed in the minutes:

If the division of Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., be accomplished in substantial accordance with the basis set forth in the action of this Synod or any other mutually satisfactory basis, then, I for myself, and others, agree to ask the privilege of General Synod to withdraw the appeals taken in the matters of the Christ Reformed Church difficulty at Bethlehem, Pa.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINT.

An item from the Report on overtures was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, Tobias Kessler, and Elder John W. Bickel, who subsequently submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your Committee to whom was referred "Item 6 of the Report of the Committee of Overtures," respectfully reports that, after having carefully considered the petition from members of Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa., find that Part 2, chapter 2, article 30 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, defining the necessary steps for individuals to appeal from the action of Classis, have not been taken. That Synod has no jurisdiction whatever in the premises, and therefore recommend that this petition be returned to the petitioners.

J. H. PANNEBECKER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

The Standing Committee on Religious services made provision to address the Sunday-schools of Trinity Church, and the Church of the Ascension, at their regular sessions on the Lord's Day.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

To the Synods of Pittsburgh, Potomac and United States:

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States would respectfully submit to the Synods named, this, its Annual Report:

During the year just closed the Board held one special and two regular meetings.

The officers of the preceding year were continued, namely: *President*, G. S. Griffith; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Chas. G. Fisher.

As the Synods at their respective Sessions last Fall directed the Board to dispose of the interests under its care on the most favorable terms to a private party, a special meeting was duly called by the President to act in accordance with the direction, which was held at the Publication Rooms, 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, November 10th, 1887, 2 o'clock, P.M. Every member of the Board was present.

At this meeting the resolutions of the several Synods were laid before the Board and carefully considered. The only conclusion to be arrived at was, to carry out the direction of the Synods, and that upon the best terms possible.

Therefore, at the instance and request of members of the Board, the Superintendent, Chas. G. Fisher, renewed the proposition which he had made to the Board, at its meeting in September, 1887, and which came before the Synods in the last annual report of the Board, and was subsequently, for reasons then stated, withdrawn by him at the Synods of Potomac and United States. This proposition, after being modified in some particulars at the instance of the Board with the consent of Chas. G. Fisher, was accepted and approved, and the officers were authorized to prepare and execute the necessary papers for the transfer.

Accordingly, on the thirtieth day of December, 1887, the deed conveying the real estate to Chas. G. Fisher was signed by the President and certified to by the Secretary of the Board and delivered, and the agreement and lease entered into by the Board in behalf of the three Synods and Chas. G. Fisher was also duly signed by the same officers and Chas. G. Fisher.

The Agreement and Lease is as follows :

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That WHEREAS the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States has this day granted and conveyed unto Chas. G. Fisher, of the City of Philadelphia, the premises situate No. 907 Arch Street in said city, in fee simple, under and subject nevertheless to the payment of a yearly ground rent of \$100 and a mortgage debt of the principal sum of \$15,000. And have also by a Bill of Sale of said date granted, sold and delivered to the said Charles G. Fisher all the stock, good-will, fixtures, book accounts, &c., as particularly set forth in the said Bill of Sale.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said Charles G. Fisher, in consideration of the sum of one dollar unto him in hand well and truly paid by the said Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States at and before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, as well as of divers other valuable consideration hereinabove set forth, hath and by these presents doth agree to covenant and enter into the following written lease with the said Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States aforesaid as follows, to wit :

That the said Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States hereby lets and leases unto the said Charles G. Fisher for the term of ten years from the first day of January A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight all the stereotype plates of all the publications belonging to them, and the sole right to use said plates and publish books therefrom, and also the sole right to publish all the periodicals now issued by said Board for his sole and separate use, benefit and profit.

AND IN CONSIDERATION THEREOF the said Charles G. Fisher, for himself, his executors, administrators, hereby agrees to pay all the liabilities or debts of said publication business to the date of these presents, and indemnify, save and keep harmless the said Publica-

tion Board of the Reformed Church in the United States of and from all debts contracted by them on account of said business to the date hereof, and to pay them three per cent. on the gross receipts of the whole of said business annually, and the said Charles G. Fisher hereby covenants and agrees that the said three per cent. shall not in any one year amount to a less sum than \$1200, said \$1200 to be paid in quarterly instalments of \$300, and any excess accruing above said \$1200 to be paid at end of every year. The said Charles G. Fisher to make a detailed statement of receipts to the Board at their annual meeting and the said Board to have access to the books to ascertain receipts and verify said statement.

It being distinctly understood and agreed upon between the parties hereto that the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh and Potomac are in consideration of the terms of this lease to agree that they jointly or any one of them will not establish or themselves conduct or have conducted for them, a publishing house or houses, nor publish any books or periodicals, nor endorse any periodicals that may be published by any private party or individuals either within or without their respective bounds; and also to employ and engage the said Charles G. Fisher to do all their official printing and publishing provided the terms for such printing and publishing are no higher than those of any other party for the same class of work.

No objectionable advertisements to be inserted in said periodicals and the *Messenger* to be delivered free to the life subscribers.

And the said Charles G. Fisher further covenants and agrees that he will keep the periodicals and books up to their present standard as well as keep up to the times as far as practicable, and will not discontinue the publication of any without consulting with and receiving the sanction of the said Board of Publication and will issue them at the lowest possible, not exceeding present prices unless first receiving approval of said Board.

It is further agreed between the parties hereto that the editorship of the *Messenger* is to be filled by the Synods, the selection to be agreeable to the said Charles G. Fisher.

And the said Charles G. Fisher further covenants and agrees to pay the salaries of the editors of all the periodicals, the amounts of each to be fixed by him, excepting that of the Editor-in-chief of the

Messenger, and upon account of that he hereby agrees to pay the sum of \$1000 per annum as his full share.

It is also agreed that the Synodical Editorships are to be filled as now by their respective Synods.

And the said Charles G. Fisher also agrees to print and publish all acknowledgments and notices for the Church and its Boards in the *Messenger* free of charge, or any other official matter which said Synods may desire to have published.

And the said Charles G. Fisher agrees for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators that in the event of his making a sale of the premises 907 Arch Street that he will pay over to the said Board of Publication, the full one-half part of any amount he may realize over \$35,000.

And lastly it is hereby agreed and understood that the property of the said Board of Publication as leased to the said Charles G. Fisher is as follows, to wit :

STEREOTYPE PLATES of Heidelberg Catechism; Heidelberg Catechism Simplified; Exercises on the Heidelberg Catechism; Palatinate Catechism, English; Palatinate Catechism, German; Constitution and Form; Psalms and Hymns; Hymns for the Reformed Church; Order of Worship; Family Assistant; Golden Censer; Heaven, or Sainted Dead; Heavenly Home; Heavenly Recognition; Harfe; Child's Catechism; Hymns and Chants; Lives of the Fathers, vols. 1, 2, 3, and 4; True Glory of Woman; Union with the Church; Tunes for Worship; Evangelical Lieder; Eleven Sunday School Books; Life of Schlatter; Creed and Customs.

PERIODICALS: The Messenger; The Guardian; The Reformed Quarterly Review; The Scholar's Quarterly; The Advanced Lesson Paper; Primary Lesson Paper; S. S. Treasury; Reformed Missionary Herald; Sunshine.

It is hereby further agreed that if the Publication Board again lease these interests the above named Charles G. Fisher, his heirs and assigns, shall have the option of continuing this contract for another term of ten years upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Board of Publication, &c.

And it is further agreed and understood by and between the parties hereto that the said Charles G. Fisher shall have the exclusive

right and privilege of carrying on and conducting the said business under the name and title of the REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION HOUSE.

And it is also further agreed that in case of any disagreement between the parties hereto in reference to any matter herein contained that the dispute shall be settled by arbitration finally and without appeal. The said Charles G. Fisher to appoint one arbitrator, the said Board of Publication one, and these two appoint a third arbitrator, to whom all or any disagreements shall be submitted and their decision or award shall be final and binding upon the said parties. All of the said arbitrators to be absolutely disinterested in any manner or form whatever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this thirtieth day of December, A.D. 1887.

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

Attest : EDWARD J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

CHARLES G. FISHER.

Witness Present :

HENRY M. BOYD.



In thus disposing of the property of the Board by purchase and lease, the Board believes it has brought about the most favorable and advantageous conclusion of what has been, for some time, a troublesome question to determine, and, at the same time, carried out the direction of the Synods respecting it.

It is to be hoped in view of the conditions of the agreement that the Synods and all within their bounds will give to the purchaser and lessee that confidence and substantial support he merits. It must be borne in mind that the several publications, books and periodicals to be published by him are still the property of the Board for the Synods, and that under this agreement it is to receive a stipulated income from the receipts of the whole business, and that to be increased as the receipts increase. It therefore behoves all members of the Church to see that they do all within their power to increase the business of the House.

In consequence of the change affected by this transfer, it became necessary for Chas. G. Fisher, who had been filling the office of

Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, to resign the same. Subsequently, the vacancy was filled by the election of Edw. J. Durban, of Philadelphia, as *Secretary*, and Geo. W. Hensel, of Quarryville, Pa., as *Treasurer*.

At the last regular meeting, September 5th, 1888, the Treasurer, Geo. W. Hensel, reported he had received from Charles G. Fisher, in accordance with the agreement, *six hundred dollars*, the amount of percentage for first and second quarters, in full to July 1st, 1888.

He also reported that he had arranged for the deposit of each quarter's percentage in a reliable Savings Institution, it there bearing interest at four per cent. per annum. In this connection it may be said, that it is the sense of the Board, all the income derived from this source and all interest accumulating upon it, should be invested and kept intact during the term of the lease.

The term of Geo. W. Hensel as a member of the Board of Publication expiring at the end of the present year, the Synod named will therefore, at its coming session, fill the vacancy that will then occur in the Board. The election of a member of the Board by that Synod at its last meeting was therefore an error.

Respectfully submitted, G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

EDWARD J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

Philadelphia, September 22d, 1888.

REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL COMMISSION.

To the Eastern Synod of Reformed Church in United States:

The Editorial Commission constituted by members appointed by the three Eastern (Eng.) Synods, held a meeting in Philadelphia on the 14th day of *December*, 1887, and organized by the appointment of Dr. T. G. Apple President, and Henry Wirt Secretary. A communication was received from Dr. P. S. Davis resigning his office as editor of *The Messenger*, to take effect in *January*, 1888. The resignation was, on motion, accepted. The subject of the editorship of the *Messenger*, which was referred to the Commission by the three Synods, then came up for consideration. The Commission finally resolved not to appoint an editor for the present, but to take measures to have the editorial work conducted under the general supervision of the Commission by such writers as might be engaged for the purpose, and that the publisher, Rev. Charles G. Fisher, be requested to act as office editor, and, so far as this position

requires it, to have general charge of the "get up" of the *Messenger* from week to week. The Commission then appointed a sub-committee from its own members, consisting of Dr. B. Bausman and Dr. T. G. Apple, to which they committed the supervision of the editing of the *Messenger*, including the authority to appoint writers and fix their remuneration, in consultation with the office-editor, and in harmony with his position as publisher and office-editor. For reasons not necessary to detail here, it was found that this sub-committee had neither the time nor the inclination, under the circumstances, to perform the delicate and responsible task of securing editorial writers for the *Messenger* and fixing their remuneration. Accordingly the duties have been performed by the office-editor. It is due to the office-editor to state his impression in regard to the action of the Commission is, that they committed to him authority to perform these duties, in consultation with the sub-committee, with the members of which he has been in correspondence on the subject. The practical result is that writers have been engaged and the *Messenger* has been edited according to the general plan adopted by the Editorial Commission. Considering all the circumstances it was believed that, for the time being, and until the Synods should meet, this was the best arrangement that could be made, and that it was worth testing as a plan that might possibly be adopted more permanently by the Synods having the matter in charge.

As it was difficult, if not impossible, for the Commission to hold a second meeting before the meetings of the Synods, this report cannot express any opinion or judgment of the Commission, as such, in regard to the success of the plan. The *Messenger* as at present conducted has been before the Church for some considerable time, and the Synods have sufficient data to determine whether they desire the plan to be continued, and if so, under what arrangement and supervision.

If the plan is deemed satisfactory, it will be necessary to appoint another Commission to have some general supervision of the editing of the *Messenger*. The present Commission has performed its trust as best it was able under all the circumstances, and it now asks to be discharged. Respectfully submitted,

B. BAUSMAN,	} <i>Sub-Committee.</i>
THOS. G. APPLE.	

REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION HOUSE, 907 Arch Street, Phila.,
September 22d, 1888.

To the Synods of Pittsburgh, Potomac and United States :

You will learn officially through the annual report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, presented at your present sessions, that I have, upon terms of the agreement and lease accompanying the Board's report, become the purchaser and lessee of its property, and have been conducting, and propose to continue the business under the name of the REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION HOUSE, at the same place, 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

It is my purpose to conduct the business with an eye single to the wants of the Church, and keep up, or rather improve the standard of the publications as formerly issued by the Board of Publication.

I of course expect in return the full patronage and encouragement of the ministers and members of the Church and their aid in making the income the Board is to derive from the receipts as large as possible.

The plan upon which the *Messenger* has been edited since January 1st, 1888, has worked so successfully and satisfactorily to the readers of the paper and all concerned, and as it has only had as yet a short trial, it is to be hoped the Synods will allow the same arrangement to continue under the charge of the Editorial Commission chosen at their last sessions.

In reference to this plan it may be said, a number of the popular and successful religious papers in this country are conducted upon it. It is certainly better to divide up the labor required upon a paper such as the *Messenger*, as then a variety may be given in its columns, several writers being able to do more in this way than any single one. The enlarged interest in its columns under its present management, beyond a doubt, is mainly owing to the endeavors in this direction; besides the talent of the Church is better brought out.

It will also be learned through the report of the Board that I have carried out my part of the agreement in paying over to the Treasurer of the Board the first and second installments (quarterly) of percentage. I have, therefore, good reason to look to the Synods

and every minister and member within their bounds to do their part in lending their efforts and influence in behalf of their Publication interests as now conducted.

That there is a need of a general awakening in the Church as to a wider circulation of her literature among the membership no one will deny. It lies mainly with the pastors and more intelligent laymen to bring this about. It will be my aim to lend them in this all the aid possible.

It is to be hoped that it will be kept in view, that the REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION HOUSE is the Publication House of the Church and especially of the three Synods represented in the Publication Board and that it shares its income with them.

Accompanying this are copies of the nine periodicals now issued by the House and also copies of the latest publications that have been issued since the beginning of this year, viz.: "Conference on Union of the Reformed Churches," and "The Heidelberg Teacher," which are respectfully presented to the Synods for their inspection and worthy consideration.

Hoping to merit continued patronage and encouragement, I am

Yours respectfully, CHARLES G. FISHER,

Proprietor of the Reformed Church Publication House.

Report on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication, to whom various papers and documents were referred, submitted the following report, which was duly considered item by item and finally adopted:

The Committee on Publication beg leave to report as follows:

There were referred to this Committee the Annual Report of the Board of Publication; a communication from Rev. C. G. Fisher, proprietor of the Reformed Church Publication House, together with a copy of various periodicals of the church published by him; a communication from the Pittsburgh Synod; the Report of the Editorial Commission, and the action of the Potomac Synod, now in session, in regard to our publication interests.

The Report of the Board of Publication sets forth that in accordance with the directions received last fall from the Synods to dispose of the interests under their care on the most favorable terms to a private party; they have during the year conveyed the real estate to Charles G. Fisher, and entered into an agreement

with him in the name of the respective Synods in a manner minutely described in the "agreement and Case," which appears in the printed report of the Board, which was distributed among the members of Synod.

The report also shows that Edw. J. Durban, of Philadelphia, was elected secretary, and George W. Hensel, of Quarryville, Pa., treasurer.

The Pittsburgh Synod, in its action forwarded to the Synod, expresses regret to learn of the manner and form of the disposal of all the property, rights and privileges in the publication interest under the care of the Board, and asks this Synod to appoint a committee of conference for the purpose of finding out whether a more satisfactory arrangement could not be made in the matter.

The Report of the Editorial Commission and the communication from Rev. C. G. Fisher refer principally to the manner of editing the *Messenger* and the patronage of the church.

The communication from the Potomac Synod endorses the action of the Board and makes certain suggestions to this Synod.

After a careful consideration of all that is involved in the subject under consideration your committee would offer the following preambles and resolutions:

WHEREAS, we have reason to believe that the Board of Publication acted in good faith and did what they, in the light of experience, considered to be for the best interest of the Reformed Church in the United States; and

WHEREAS, we have no reason to think that under the present peculiar and complicated circumstances, owing to the Tri-Synodic compact, and with the divided opinions of the members of the Church, in regard to the publication interests, the Synods could have come to any more satisfactory conclusion; and

WHEREAS, the *Messenger*, under the supervision of the Editorial Commission, seems to give general satisfaction, therefore

1. *Resolved*, that this Synod endorses the action of the Board of Publication in the sale and lease of the publication interests to Rev. C. G. Fisher.

2. *Resolved*, that a committee of three be appointed to act conjointly with similar committees appointed by the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods and confer with Rev. C. G. Fisher for the correc-

tion of all difficulties, which may be felt to exist, and to bring about a greater unanimity among the Synods, and to awaken a deeper and more general interest in the periodicals and literature of the church.

3. *Resolved*, that the action of the Editorial Commission be approved, and that the arrangement made with Rev. C. G. Fisher to act as office editor be continued until an editor-in-chief be elected.

4. *Resolved*, that five persons be elected by this Synod, as a commission, who, together with three persons from the Potomac Synod, and three persons from the Pittsburgh Synod, elected or appointed by the respective Synods for the same purpose, shall have power to elect an editor-in-chief of the *Reformed Church Messenger*.

5. *Resolved*, that the Board of Publication be authorized to pay whatever amount may be necessary in the estimation of the Editorial Commission, towards the salary of the editor-in-chief.

6. *Resolved*, that the membership and ministry of this Synod be earnestly requested to give the terms of the contract their cordial and active support and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted, N. Z. SNYDER, *Chairman*.

In the adoption of the first resolution in the Report on Publication the yeas and nays were called. The result of the vote is as follows:

Yeas—Revs. T. O. Stem, H. M. Kieffer, W. F. More, Tobias Kessler, D. E. Klopp, J. H. Pannebecker, W. J. Johnson, E. N. Kremer, J. S. Stahr, D. C. Tobias, T. Derr, George W. Gerhard, L. D. Steckel, D. O. Shoemaker, L. K. Evans, C. S. Wieand, N. Z. Snyder, M. H. Mill, S. G. Wagner, E. A. Gernant, M. H. Diefenderfer, F. K. Levan. Elders John W. Bickel, H. M. Housekeeper, Josiah Keen, A. M. Schmidt, D. S. Keller, George F. Stong, Reuben Reigner, Fred. Crouse and Nathaniel Metz.

Nays—Revs. C. J. Becker, James B. May, Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, A. B. Koplin, N. W. Helfrich, J. J. Fisher, O. H. Strunck, H. Mosser, D. E. Schoedler, J. A. Peters and Henry Fornwald.

In the adoption of the third resolution the yeas and nays were called, and the result is as follows:

Yeas—Revs. T. O. Stem, H. M. Kieffer, C. J. Becker, James B. May, O. P. Steckel, D. E. Klopp, J. H. Pannebecker, W. J. Johnson, E. N. Kremer, D. C. Tobias, J. C. Leinbach, T. Derr, G. W. Gerhard, L. D. Steckel, D. O. Shoemaker, L. K. Evans, C. S.

Wieand, N. Z. Snyder, J. J. Fisher, O. H. Strunck, H. Mosser and F. K. Levan.

Elders John W. Bickel, Wm. K. Gresh, H. M. Housekeeper, A. M. Schmidt, Josiah Keen, D. S. Keller, George F. Stong, Reuben Riegner, Fred. Crouse and Nathaniel Metz.

Nays—Revs. Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, D. E. Schoedler, J. A. Peters, H. Fornwald, *Non liquet*, Rev. J. B. Henry.

The special committee called for in the second resolution consists of Revs. Dr. Samuel G. Wagner, T. O. Stem and Elder John W. Bickel.

The Editorial Commission called for in the fourth resolution was referred to the Committee on Nominations, who reported a double set of nominees. An election was held which resulted in the choice of Revs. Dr. Samuel G. Wagner, Dr. J. A. Peters, H. M. Kieffer, Hon. Jeremiah S. Hess and J. J. Nisley.

Mr. George W. Hensel, of Quarryville, Pa., was re-elected a member of the Board of Publication. The members of this Synod on the Board of Publication are Messrs. George W. Hensel, E. J. Durban and James T. Reber.

Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, of Columbia, Pa., was elected Synodical editor for a term of three years.

*Resignation of Dr. P. S. Davis as Editor-in-Chief of the
"Messenger."*

WHEREAS, this Synod has, at this session, assisted in transferring to other hands the editorial management of the *Messenger*, we deem this a fitting time to record our high appreciation of the long and faithful service of Rev. P. S. Davis, D.D., who for twelve years served the Church as Editor-in-Chief of the *Messenger*, and our sympathy with him in his affliction; therefore

Resolved, that this Synod gratefully remembers the talent, ability and faithfulness of Rev. P. S. Davis, D.D., in the editorial management of the *Messenger*.

Resolved, that we sincerely sympathize with Rev. P. S. Davis, D.D., in his physical afflictions, and pray that he may be sustained in them by the Great Head of the Church, who as our High Priest is touched with a feeling of our infirmities.

The Stated Clerk reported that 2800 copies of the Minutes of

Synod were published in the English Language at a cost of \$286.65, or at the rate of 10½ cents per copy, and 600 copies in the German language at a cost of \$159 61., or at the rate of 26½ cents per copy.

Instructions were given to the Stated Clerk to have 3200 copies of the Minutes of Synod published in the English language.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Instructions to the Stated Clerk.

WHEREAS, at every meeting of Synod there is difficulty in determining what vacancies, to be filled by this Synod, occur in the various Boards and other agencies of the Church, when, and how these vacancies are to be filled, who are eligible—whether ministers or elders, members of the Reformed Church or others, and the term of service, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to examine the charters of the various Boards, and the minutes of Synod, to discover the law and custom of the case, with any other information, which will help the Synod in its elections, with a view to the annual publication in the Minutes of Synod, of a schedule of Boards, vacancies, etc., and that said Stated Clerk report next year.

Subject of Inquiry.

Whether any pastor of the Reformed Church has a right to receive a member in good and regular standing in his own congregation, who having made application for his or her dismissal, and having been refused such paper by his pastor,—and in what way such members are to be treated. This inquiry, on motion, was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, J. B. Henry and Elder J. J. Nissley, who are to report at the next annual sessions of Synod.

Topics on Practical Church Work.

The following action was adopted :

Resolved, That Synod appoint a committee of three to arrange subjects for discussion at the evening sessions of the next annual Synod on Practical Church Work, Missions, etc., and designate the speakers, who shall be notified at least one month prior to the

meeting of Synod. The committee, appointed by the President, consists of Revs. Dr. Samuel G. Wagner, E. A. Gernant and Elder R. H. Kramm.

Certificates of Church Membership.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That Synod instructs the Classes to direct their respective pastors to give to members moving out of the bounds of their congregations, letters of dismission to the congregations into whose bounds they move.

Resolved, That the Classes direct all such members to ask their respective pastors for such letters of dismission.

Resolved, That the pastors out of whose congregations such members move give immediate notice of the fact to the pastors of the congregations into whose bounds they move.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the fourth day of the sessions the President appointed a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. C. Leinbach, L. D. Steckel and Elder J. Moyer, to hear excuses for leave of absence. The committee reported the applications made by members of Synod for leave of absence, and the requests were granted

Bethany Orphans' Home.

The Report of Bethany Orphans' Home was presented to Synod, through its Standing Committee on Overtures. The item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, H. Mosser and Elder Jos. Moyer.

The Report of the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home is as follows :

To the Synod of the United States :

Rev. Fathers and Brethren :—Another year has passed away since it was our privilege to address you concerning this work of the Lord. It was a year filled with the usual experiences incident to the life in an orphans' home, with the *unusual* incident, however, in our history that this year the Angel of Death visited, for the fourth time in twenty-five years, this family and called away one of our little girls. This was a sad experience for us, but much as we

mourned the sudden departure of one who had endeared herself to many in the Home, we were ready to say, "Thy will be done."

Our family at present numbers 81 children, including 5 which were admitted by the Board October 4th. The general health of the family was good during the year. It is a very rare occurrence indeed, that a physician is called to attend any of our children. A good building, pure water, mountain air, plenty of exercise and good wholesome food (blessings which, through the liberality of God's stewards, our children enjoy), are better than drugs and powders.

Our harvests were unusually good this summer. We were blessed with a large amount of fruit and in various other ways did the kind Heavenly Father show us his favor with an abundant hand.

We have two schools, which the children attend for ten months in the year; however, only three-fourths of a day, the rest of the time being spent in work and other exercises.

The children attend family worship in the chapel morning and evening; church and Sunday-school on Sunday. The regular ordinances of the church are observed and the members instructed, as they have the means, to be liberal towards benevolent objects. During the last classical year the congregation contributed—for classical assessment, \$6.00; Missions, \$33.87; Orphans' Home, \$25.19; total, \$65.06.

On the 23d of August, of this year, the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Home was celebrated. It was a jubilee occasion and resulted in much good to the Home. In connection with this event a special appeal was made for contributions, to which many congregations responded most liberally. Through this means about \$2700 was raised. With this money we were enabled to pay off our old debt, accumulated by making necessary improvements and on account of the increased number of children in the Home. Meanwhile, however, salaries became due again, and it was necessary to make preparation for winter, so that now we are in the same position in which we generally are at this season of the year, namely, with a floating debt of between \$1500 and \$2000. This explanation is made in order that the congregations may not think that, having received the "free-will offerings" at the anniversary, we do not need the Christmas gifts, but that the Christmas contributions should be as large as formerly, and, indeed, more so, on ac-

count of the larger number of children in the Home. Of our 81 children only 4 are full boarders, 77 are entirely dependent upon the church for support. Our Board has recently refused a number of applications to admit boarders, holding that what little room we have left should be reserved for those who have no one but the church to care for them, and to the church we look to provide the means for their support.

While the call to the churches to-day is loud for the support of Home and Foreign Missions, and we, as disciples of the Master, should consider it a blessed privilege that we have such grand opportunities for doing His will in these directions, we should not forget the words of the Lord Jesus, "the poor always ye have with you," and "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done unto me."

Now may the Father of the fatherless continue his watchful care over this family. May the servants of the Lord who are blessed with substance continue to do His will by contributing to the support of His dependent children. Unto Him do we ascribe praise and Him do we thank for past mercies and present blessings, and upon His care do we depend for the future.

Yours in Christ,

THOS. M. YUNDT,

Womelsdorf, Oct. 8, 1888.

Sec. & Supt. B. O. Home.

The Special Committee on Bethany Orphans' Home submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on the Bethany Orphans' Home beg to submit that the Annual Report exhibits a measure of prosperity in the work of the Home, which is highly encouraging. But this implies corresponding responsibility for the church to meet the increased demands of growth. In this case these demands need special emphasis. The approach of winter calls for fuller supplies, and this requires enlarged liberality in the usual contributions. The large sum so commendably given at the recent anniversary for the liquidation of pressing debts has been, of course, appropriated to that purpose, and wholly absorbed by it. It is hoped, therefore, that instead of diminishing the winter and Christmas donations toward the current needs of the Home, they will be kindly remembered and promptly forwarded in enlarged measure.

The publication of the "History of the Home" is timely, and

the facts reported and preserved in it are valuable. It is warmly commended to wide circulation. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

The Conference on Union of the two Reformed Churches.

Several books on this subject were presented to Synod through the Committee on Overtures. The books were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, D. E. Klopp, and Elder Fred. Crouse, who subsequently submitted the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee, to which were referred the copies of the Conference on Union of the Reformed Church in America and the Reformed Church in the United States, held in Philadelphia April 3 and 4, 1888, respectfully report that,

In this volume, the representative minds of both denominations have defined the several points of agreement and difference, as they exist between these two sister churches, both as regards matters of doctrine and worship.

We would, therefore, heartily commend this book to the pastors and people of our church, believing that a careful perusal of its pages will materially assist in furthering the proposed union of the two churches. Respectfully submitted,

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Chairman.*

Intemperance.

By special resolution Synod reiterates its action adopted a year ago at the sessions of the Synod of Sunbury, on the evils of Intemperance. The action is as follows, to wit :

Resolved, That we view with profound regret and sorrow the great evil of Intemperance, and especially its sad and deadly fruits,—crime, poverty and temporal and eternal death ; and that we here and now, before God and the nation, record our protest against it,—and earnestly call upon our Classes and Churches to unite with us in zealous and persistent Christian efforts looking towards its speedy extermination.

CONTEMPLATED ACTION IN REGARD TO THE NEW HYMN-BOOK.

Several items in the Report on Minutes of Classes were submitted to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. John S. Stahr, Tilghman Derr and Elder Daniel Miller. The committee presented

its report, and action thereon was postponed until the next annual sessions of Synod.

The report reads as follows, to wit:

To the Synod of the United States:

Your committee to whom were referred items 4, 8 and 9 in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, consisting of requests from the Classes of East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna and Wyoming, to the effect that this Synod overture the General Synod not to publish at this time a new Hymn-Book, would respectfully report:

Deeply conscious of the importance of the subject, we have given it careful consideration only to find, however, that so many elements enter into the general question involved that we feel a good deal of uncertainty as to the course we ought to recommend.

It has been felt for a long time that the Reformed Church in the United States ought to have a new Hymn-Book—one book for the whole Church, and repeated efforts have been made to reach such a result. Nothing was accomplished toward this end by the committee appointed during the peace movement nor by that raised by the Synod of Baltimore. The committee appointed by the Synod of Akron, however, is now engaged in the preparation of such a book, and unquestionably many of our Churches are waiting with eager expectation for the result of its labors.

On the other hand, it cannot be denied that there is a great deal of diversity of opinion, both with respect to the kind of book desired by the Church, whether a hymnal or a hymn-book, and with respect to the arrangement of the hymns, whether topical or according to the Sundays of the Church year. It is also to be observed that the long delay in the preparation of a hymn-book has induced many congregations to introduce either the Hymn-Book prepared under the direction of the Synod of the United States, or the Hymnal prepared by Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, so that the introduction of a new book would entail a good deal of expense in these congregations, and, perhaps, occasion great inconvenience.

We believe that the subject brought before your body by the requests of the three Classes referred to above should be carefully considered, and your judgment concerning it clearly expressed, and, therefore, in view of the state of things to which we have

called attention, and in view also of the fact that union with the Reformed Church in America is under discussion, and one of the possibilities of the near future, we recommend for your consideration and adoption the following :

Resolved, That the requests of the Classes of East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna and Wyoming be granted, and that this Synod overture the general Synod, not at this time, to publish a new hymn-book.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON SEVERAL ITEMS CONCERNING THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

Several items concerning this subject, from the Report on Minutes of Classes, were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. L. D. Steckel; D. O. Shoemaker and Elder Fred. Crouse, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted :

Your special committee, to whom was referred items 2 and 7 of the Report on Minutes of Classes, beg leave to submit the following, viz :

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend that one of the officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows be requested to prepare a tract setting forth the beneficent character and work of the Society, the number of those who have been aided, and are now receiving aid, together with the average sum given to each; also that the amount given in aid is not to be regarded as a charity, but as a debt due to every one receiving it. Moreover, all such other facts and information as may tend to commend the society to the favor and benevolence of the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That the expenses incurred by the publishing and distribution of such tract be borne by this Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That we earnestly urge upon all the Classes of this Synod that all superannuated and disabled ministers and their widows in their respective bounds be properly cared for.

4. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as Synod has no authority to direct the Management of the internal affairs of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their widows, we refer each Classis, which may desire any particular disposition of its contributions, to the Society itself.

5. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk transmit a copy of these resolutions to the secretary of the Society. Respectfully submitted,
L. D. STECKEL, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations report that the following documents have been referred to it:

1. A communication from the Board of Trustees of this Synod, signed by Rev. Jno. W. Steinmetz, President, stating that the term of office of Jno. Meily expires on January 1st, 1889, and that the Board has nominated Hon George D. Stitzel, of Reading, Pa., and Jacob K. Funk, of Lebanon, Pa., the election of one of whom it suggests to fill the vacancy.

2. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication, calling attention to the fact that Elder Geo. W. Hensel was last year elected to fill a vacancy in the Board, which did not exist at that time, which, however, occurs now, and has to be filled by this Synod.

3. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, stating that the terms of office of Revs. Dr. Saml. G. Wagner, Dr. C. Z. Weiser and Elder J. Y. Dietz, as Trustees of said college is about to expire, and that the Board, at its last meeting, renominated them and submitted their names for election by this Synod.

4. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Pittsburgh Synod, stating that the said Synod, at its late meeting, elected W. J. Baer, P. S. Hay and John Truxal, as Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and Revs. A. E. Truxal and S. Z. Beam as visitors of said Seminary. By the aid of these referred papers, the committee was enabled to present its nominations on Monday afternoon. A sufficient number of tickets were ordered to be printed, and the election made the order of the day on Tuesday, at 2 P.M. The hour of election having arrived, Revs. M. H. Mill and O. P. Steckel were appointed tellers. The tickets were distributed, the roll called and the ballot taken by the tellers, who reported the results of the election to the President of Synod.

The members elected on the respective Boards will be found noted in each case in their appropriate place. The vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College

have been filled by the election of Revs. Dr. Saml. G. Wagner, H. Mosser and Hon. John W. Bickel.

Revs. Geo. W. Gerhard, Warren J. Johnson and Elder A. M. Schmidt reported the proceedings of Synod to the secular papers, for which service Synod returned its sincere thanks.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That Synod hereby tender its sincere thanks to the pastors and members of the Reformed Churches of Norristown, Pa., and also to the members of other denominations, for the generous entertainment given its members during its sessions, and that this action be printed in the city dailies and read from the pulpits of the Reformed Churches.

Resolved, Also, that Synod tender its thanks to the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, to the Stony Creek Railroad and to the various divisions of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for permitting members of Synod, and others, to travel at excursion rates on their respective lines of travel, to attend the sessions of this body.

The Synodical roll was called finally, and no one was found absent without permission. The Minutes were then read finally, and approved.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the next annual sessions of Synod be held in the Zion's Reformed Church, at Allentown, Pa., on Wednesday, October 16th, A.D. 1889, at 7.30 P.M.

Synod finally adjourned by joining in the Confession of Faith, prayer and the doxology. The Apostolic Benediction was pronounced by the President.

John P. Stein, *Stated Clerk*.

A. B. KOPLIN, *President*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

Attest: JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Bapt's.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Eras. of N.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Stu. for M.	Contributions.	Minutes of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Peete,	Without charge,																		Norristown, Mont. Co., Pa.
J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	President Ursinus Col.	1 380	35 15	7 36	9 360	8						10 4	1 422				\$150 00	\$11300 00	12 1541 N. 7th St., Phila., Pa.
Henry W. Super, D.D.	Prof. in Ursinus Col.,	1 130	65 4	1 3	31 105	2						4 2	1 115				10 00	1100 00	10 33 Saunders Ave., do
Peter S. Davis, D.D.	Without charge,	1 250	24 3	1 11	20 188	2						8 1	1 350	2			325 00	3804 00	10 1620 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
Abraham Romich,	do																		do do
Charles W. Schultz,	do																		Philadelphia, Pa.
D. Ernest Klopp, D.D.	Trinity, Phila.,	1 211	45 3	10 14	7 205	10						8 1	1 130				191 00	3767 00	15 907 Arch St., Phila., Pa.
Geo. H. Johnston,	Ch. of the Stranger,	1 1213	65 5	1 12	24 175	3						3 1	1 135				3800 00	4500 00	12 1106 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.
David Van Housen, D.D.,	First Church, Phila.,	1 180	7 8	10 2	165 3							3 1	1 165				129 00	800 00	4 Flourtown, Mont. Co., Pa.
Charles G. Fisher,	Pub. Ch. Periodicals,	1 175	9 6	9 8	157 5							6 1	1 225				95 00	600 00	do do
J. B. Shumaker, D.D.,	St. Luke's, Trappe,	2 113	33 3	2 5	5 103	2						2 1	1 237				124 00	1672 00	16 Phoenixville, Chester do
James Crawford,	St. Luke's, N. Wales,	1 233	115 7	5 7	1 201	2						3 1	1 102				335 60	1646 00	15 Centre Square, Mont. do
Josiah D. Detrich,	Boehm's,																		do do
do do supply,	Pikeland & Phoenixville																		do do
Stilas P. Mauger,	Fin. Agt. Ursinus Col.	1 330	83 15	9 10	8 229	2						3 1	1 101				226 00	932 00	6 Mont. Square, do do
John H. Seehler,	Pleasantville,	1 625	214 30	25 71	44 555	22						5 1	1 900	3			359 00	8958 00	12 1515 N. 19th St., Phila., Pa.
Uriah Weidner,	Heidelberg,	1 310	150 14	6 25	35 295	2						3 1	1 300	1			590 00	3400 00	12 Norristown, Mont. Co. Pa.
James I. Good, D.D.,	Ascension,	2 254	36 1	17 25	13 225	1						2 2	2 270				2890 00	1350 00	8 Anselms, Chester Co. Pa.
S. Reid Bridenbaugh,	St. Matthew's,	2 254	70 23	33 11	225 1							8 2	3 316				137 00	1618 00	19 Spring City, do do
Edward D. Wettach,	E. Vincent & Sp. Chy	1 146	30 7	2 12	22 118	5						14 2	1 253				114 00	1934 00	7 1011 W. Huntingdon st. Phila
Leighton G. Kram r,	Grace,	2 211	75 4	16 29	7 156	3						5 2	1 190	1			107 00	670 00	12 1211 W. Huntingdon st. Phila
Solomon U. Snyder,	St. Vincent & Linfield,	1 194	38 3	14 74								5 14	3 329	3			72 00	741 00	14 Linfield, Mont. Co., Pa.
John A. Merts,	Trinity, Norristown,	3 352	50 5	1 1	237 11							13 1	87				409 00	958 00	do do
Vacant.	Brownback's,	1 83	50 5		51 10							7 1	43				4 00	304 00	do do
do do	St. John's, Del.	1 80	18 5		64												25 00	39 00	do do
do do	Eastern Shore of Md.,																		do do
do do	Viola, Del.,	1 58	39 13	4 18	14 50	5						2 1	106	1			15 00	337 00	do do
do do	Bethel,																		do do

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Congr.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Krauses.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	S. S. Sch'l'rs.	Stu. Min'y.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
																	Benef.	Cong. P'posers.			
Rudolph Duenger, D.D.,	Ashland,	1	300	240	47	3	22	2	265	1			15	1	225			\$128 00	\$1960 00	6	Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
Aaron R. Hottenstine,	Mahanoy,	4	310	189	43	16	253	3	255	3			7	6	198			116 00	1044 00	12	Mahanoy, Northumberland do
William G. Engle,	Uniontown,	6	750	300	61	1	21		537	6		1	25	6	392			253 00	1040 00	12	Pillow, Dauphin do
Geo. B. Deebant,	Namidia,	4	412	320	33	8	352	3	352	3			20	6	300			200 00	3000 00	15	Catawissa, Columbia do
Thomas J. Hacker,	Shamokin,	1	614	500	112	1	54	35	546	8	2	11	13	1	172	1		412 00	1811 00	15	Shamokin, Northumberland do
William B. Sandoe,	Ringtown,	4	188	149	64		188	3	188	3			16	4	300			21 00	435 00	8	Kingtown, Schuylkill do
Samuel Kahn,	Berryburg,	5	281	155	21	4	5	220	1	220	1		4	5	246			81 00	553 00	5	Elizabethville, Dauphin do
John Calvin Leinbach,	Sunbury,	1	320	145	15	3	17	26	293	2			19	1	220			270 00	2100 00	12	Sunbury, Northumberland do
John C. Glantz,	Deep Creek,	5	252	235	42	4	4		230	8			8	6	250			75 00	1000 00	12	Hegins, Schuylkill do
Joshua H. Derr,	Catawissa,	1	100	87	8	1	2	4	89	4			2	1	90			68 00	1475 00	10	Catawissa, Columbia do
Albert S. Stauffer,	Line Mountain,	5	334	202	34	1	24		273			4	19	5	171			61 00	893 00	10	Greenbrier, Northumberland do
Tilghman Derr,	Millersburg,	3	405	210	12		32	8	330				14	3	250	1		147 00	1000 00	14	Millersburg, Dauphin do
Charles H. Mutschler,	Augusta,	4	337	216	21	5	15	2	246	9			6	4	150			157 00	976 00	18	Sunbury, Northumberland do
H. H. Sandoe,	Mt. Carmel,	3	219	150	12	1	13	1	179	1			4	3	100			107 00	348 00	12	Mt. Carmel, Northumberland do
A. R. Hottenstine, sup.,	David's congregation,	1	67	45	9		12	1	47				2	1	45			11 00	65 00	4	
Tilghman Derr, sup.,	Fetterhoff's,	1	58	25	1		12	1	55	3			1	1	20			14 00	75 00	3	
Total 14.		48	4937	3148	535	16	244	84	4107	52	2	16	173	52	3479	2		\$32121 00	\$17475 00	170	

I certify that above statistics are correct.

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Bapt's	Confirms.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excoms.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	B. S. Sch'ls.	Sta. for M.	Contributions.	Minutes of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Co. Pa.		
William B. Groh.	Boalsburg,	4	340	249	24	1	12	6	301	6	4	7	3	220	\$223 00	\$2505 00	15	Boalsburg, Centre	do	
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,	Supt. Pub. Inst.																Spring Mills, do	do		
William W. Clouser,	White Deer,	3	320	190	47	1	2	13	300	5	17	3	160		161 00	535 00	15	White Deer Mills, Union	do	
William A. Haas,	Selinsgrove,	6	420	397	28	1	36		412	5	11	6	350	2	318 00	1100 00	10	Selinsgrove, Snyder	do	
William M. Landis,	Beaver Springs,	5	569	340	37	1	24	10	531	2	8	5	280	1	225 00	682 00	36	Beaver Springs, Snyder	do	
John F. De Long,	Lewisburg,	1	258	85	3	2	9	225	6		3	1	190	1	825 00	1150 00	15	Lewisburg, Union	do	
William R. Yearick,	Superannuated,																Hubbersburg, Centre	do		
S. Penrose Brown,	Liverpool,	6	230	150	30	1	18		185		3	6	150		52 00	600 00	12	Chapman, Snyder	do	
David O. Shoemaker,	Nittany Valley,	6	298	200	28	19	12	280	12		4	5	275		250 00	2900 00	10	Walker, Centre	do	
Tilghman R. Dietz,	New Berlin,	5	336	192	23		4	286	8		9	5	274		387 00	947 00	12	New Berlin, Union	do	
George W. Gerhard,	Aaronsburg,	4	303	264	11	4	9	239	8		30	6	4	301	2	573 00	1011 00	16	Aaronsburg, Centre	do
Twingli A. Yearick,	Lock Haven,	2	175	100	16	4	11	15	141			4	1	225		110 00	1202 00	14	Lock Haven, Clinton	do
George W. Gerhard,	St. John's, Williamspt	1	155	54	2	3	13	17	132	4	7	2	1	165		184 00	975 00	10	Williamsport, Lycoming	do
Daniel H. Leader,	Centre Hall,	4	290	143	19	11	11	259	9		3	4	238	2	542 00	783 00	18	Centre Hall, Centre	do	
Thomas S. Land,	For. Miss'y in Japan,																Senda, Japan.	do		
William E. Hoy,	Rebersburg,	5	327	260	19	2	14	295	3	5	16	5	346	2	302 00	709 00	19	Rebersburg, Centre	do	
John Dotterer,	Mifflinburg,	3	449	151	12	1	14	4	410	9	7	3	310		696 00	1304 00	21	Mifflinburg, Union	do	
Lewis D. Steckel,	Belleville,	2	226	113	9	1	13	14	206	4		1	100		506 00	3891 00	20	Belleville, Centre	do	
Wm. H. H. Snyder,																	Myerstown, Lebanon	do		
Lewis Robb, Lie.,																			do	
Total, 18		57	4716	2888	298	14	175	138	4202	81	54	100	53	3584	10	\$3355 00	26475 00	243		

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconvertd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Kroom.	Krausers.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Bob'ts.	Sts. for M.	Benev. Purp.	Cong. Purp.	Minutes of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
C. Z. Weiser, D.D.,	New Goshenhoppen,	2	981	650	51	5	31	10	944	10	2	57	2	700	2	700	\$887 00	\$2818 00	18	East Greenville, Montg. Co., Pa.
L. Kryder Evans,	Trinity, Pottstown,	1	725	650	54	6	46	20	625	6	2	23	2	700	2	700	29 20	2050 00	18	Pottstown, do do
A. L. Dechant,	Old Goshenhoppen,	4	720	308	41	7	12	590	10	2	30	4	600	1	600	283 50	1000 00	18	Pennsburg, Montgomery do	
S. M. K. Huber,	Went's,	3	742	300	25	15	42	6	690	10	2	24	3	350	2	350	300 00	1100 00	20	Skippackville, do do
Ell Keller, D.D.,	Zionsville,	3	800	440	56	1	23	3	700	2	21	4	340	2	340	371 00	2072 00	20	Zionsville, Lehigh do	
I. E. Stahl,	Oley,	4	695	385	46	1	23	1	598	3	23	4	240	2	240	223 46	1545 00	14	Oley, Berks do	
C. H. Herbst,	Pottstown,	2	500	425	47	7	41	22	410	6	5	24	400	1	400	170 00	2000 00	14	Pottstown, Montgomery do	
C. S. Wiesand,	Zion's (Pottstown),	1	240	170	11	19	18	190	1		1	9	1	160	100 00	1104 00	10	do do		
P. P. A. Hoffman,	Hill and Lobach,	2	305	150	20	1	264	8			15	3	120	17 00	1150 00	82 00	2178 00	8	Reading, Berks do	
J. E. Freeman,	Boyetown,	2	500	460	27	39	22	281	5		12	2	133					15	Boyetown, do do	
L. D. Leberman,	Without charge,	1																	7th and Girard Ave., Phila.	
Joseph D. Peters,	Falkner Swamp,	2	346	180	11	1	8	3	230	6		5	2	130	1	107 00	570 00	12	New Hanover, Montg'my Co., Pa.	
Supplied,	Christ's & Sassaman's,	1	280	150	20	18			250	3		12	4	150			750 00	8	Nantico, do do	
John H. Leinbach, sup.,	Amityville,	1	89	60	5				80	1		4	1	150		20 00	134 00	6	Reading, Berks do	
Robert C. Weaver, do	Chestnut Hill,																		6	Coopersburg, Lehigh do
		29	6923	4320	424	36	274	117	5852	71		12	259	34	4173	5	\$83237 26	19471 00	137	

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CLASSIS OF THICKON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt's	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Kroom.	Deaths.	S. Schols.	S. S. Schls.	Stu. Min'y.	Contributions.	Minutes of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.									Beney. Purp.	Cong. Purp.		
David Rothrock,	Noekamixon,	1 390	160	23	1	25	2	340	4	5	15	3	132	1	\$177 00	\$484 00	11	Kintnersville, Bucks Co., Pa.
S. K. Gross,	Ridge Valley,	2 349	260	19			2	271	4	10	2	70			30 00	430 00	12	Schlichter's, do
Amadus F. Ziegler,	Keller's,	2 325	185	33	7	8	283	6		12	3	125			87 00	800 00	11	Bingen, Northampton do
Levi C. Shep,	Doylestown,	1 136	83	3	4	11	100	121		1	1	100			60 00	450 00	6	Doylestown, Bucks do
Jacob Kehm,	Indian Creek,	2 800	475	52	6	29	8	728	4	33	3	300			426 00	2802 00	20	Sellersville, do
Nathaniel Z. Snyder,	South Bethlehem,	2 415	300	42	12	26	285	3		10	12	360	2		194 00	1010 00	16	S. Bethlehem, Northamt.
Franklin J. Mohr,	Quakertown,	3 595	260	30	8	41	23	545	8	8	23	3	425	1	323 00	1777 00	18	Quakertown, Bucks do
James G. Dengler,	Sellersville,	4 488	175	32	14	23	2	459	8	19	4	455			405 00	5399 00	21	Sellersville, do
Robt. C. Weaver,	Friedensville,	3 660	460	92			6	577	4	3	40	11	370		154 00	960 00	16	Coopersburg, Lehigh do
A. B. Koplin, D.D.,	Lower Saucon,	4 685	350	14	25	30	510	2		9	9	4	300	2	1160 00	1843 00	8	Heilertown, Northampton do
H. F. Seiple,	Hilltown,	2 394	207	7	6	17	15	386	3	7	2	330			204 00	1033 00	9	Heilertown, Northampton do
B. B. Ferer,	Riegelsville,	1 260	145	12	10	4	225	6		3	1	265			806 00	7143 00	15	Riegelsville, Bucks do
J. J. Rothrock,	Lansdale,	1 147	74	8	6	13	5	142	7	2	1	281			86 00	3495 00	9	Lansdale, Montgomery do
Milton H. Mill,	South Easton,	1 230	165	10	18	14	169	5		6	6	225			120 00	1400 00	7	Easton, Northampton do
Jacob G. Dubba,	Springfield,	3 455	241	21	2	1	297			17	3	220	1		110 00	850 00	10	Coopersburg, Lehigh do
H. A. Bomberger,	Tinicum,	3 369	173	8	5	17	2	263	4	6	3	161			86 00	675 00	15	Point Pleasant, Bucks do
Samuel H. Phillips,	Durham,	2 380	270	20	1	18	12	311		6	2	235			156 00	1986 00	12	Durham, do
17		37 7078	3983	427 51	268	160	5912	68		41	220	50	4334	8	\$4584 00	\$32537 00	216	

* Dismissed to Zion's Classis, Synod of Potomac. Mr. Stewart Mitman was licensed and dismissed to the Classis of Carlisle; Mr. A. D. Wolfinger was licensed and dismissed to the Philadelphia Classis and Mr. T. C. Strock was licensed, ordained and installed pastor of the Tinicum charge.

CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

MINISTERS.

CHARGES.

Cong.

Members.

Unconfrd.

Infants.

Bapt's.

Confirmed.

Certificate.

Command.

Dismissed.

Excom.

Kreasures.

Deaths.

B. Schol's.

Sta. for M.

Contributions.

Purp.

Cong. Pmp.

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Ziegel,	5,	850	700	150,	1	48	800,	50	79	10,	600	4	\$569	00	\$17000	00	40 Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.			
Fleetwood,	4	630	380	130	30	30	540	10	35	6	400	1	165	00	2700	00	6 Kutztown, Berks do			
Zion's,	6	600	330	75	47	560			25	5	600	2	168	00	2500	00	17 Maxatawny, do do			
Egypt,	4	960	490	64	33	11	860	6	31	9	875	4	572	00	2000	00	31539 Turner St., Allentown, do			
Maloning,	4	625	350	74	52		437	1	20	17	350	1	156	00	1100	00	44 Lehighon, Carbon do			
N. B. Strasburger, D.D.																	32 S. 7th St., Allentown do			
Without charge,																	35 Fogelsville, Lehigh do			
Jordan,	4	900	600	50	56		839	10	35	8	508	3	872	00	2500	00	12 24 S. 7th St., Allentown, do			
St. John's Reformed,	1	516	286	16	21	17	399	6	1	12	1	437	1	4477	00	2081	00	25 523 Walnut St., do do		
Salom's Reformed,	1	1000	500	132	2	116	63	825	6	75	1	997	1327	00	3241	00	8 Lehighville, Berks do			
A. J. G. Dubbs, D.D.,	4	550	290	41	23	3	465	5	23	8	230	1	125	00	900	00	8 911 Hamilton St., Allentown do			
Benjamin Weiss,	1	125	85	13	12	15	85		6	1	85		37	00	800	00	26 Allentown, Lehigh do			
J. Fritinger,	3	625	305	58	32		625	6	28	6	425	1	566	00	1300	00	Kutztown, Berks do			
Thomas N. Reber,																	40 Lynnpport, Lehigh do			
Thomas N. Schaeffer, Ph. D.,	4	800	600	97	1	52	687		41	5	600	3	235	00	2000	00	8 Slatington P. O., do do			
James N. Bachman,	1	315	195	30			225		20	4	295		120	00	600	00	Fogelsville, do do			
e (Without pastor),																	13 Reading, Berks do			
N. W. Helfrich,	1	275	150	15	27	2	250	25	8	1	125		60	00	1500	00	25 446 Hamilton St., Allentown, do			
John H. Leinbach,	1	891	550	35	2	31	30	690	4	15	34	1	580	3	500	00	18 167 Turner St., do do			
Edwin A. Gernant,	1	175	153	43	13	10	120	3	14	6	1	240		50	00	824	00	Fem. College, do do		
M. H. Dieffenderfer,																	12 Summit Hill, Carbon do			
Wm. M. Kelly, Ph. D.,	1	150	88	25	6	2	100		6	1	70		44	00	483	00	18 Lehighon, do do			
Alfred P. Horn,	1	362	300	15		1	181		7	1	380	1	102	00	1040	00	16 Slatington, Lehigh do			
† J. Alvin Reber,	1	360	200	29	29	47	290	9	15	1	259	1	105	00	1275	00	Kutztown, Berks do			
Neri F. Peters,																	Allentown, Lehigh do			
E. L. Kemp, Lile,																	12 Lehighon, Carbon do			
Prof. State Nor. Sch.,																	Allentown, Lehigh do			
Without charge,																	4 Lehighville, Berks do			
Henry D. Kartz,	1	98	65	5			78										8 Coopersburg, Lehigh do			
A. Bartholomew, supply,																	8 Kutztown, Berks do			
St. Peter's cong.,																	Yale College, New Haven, Conn.			
Julius C. J. Kartz,	1	140	90	5	1	4	135	3												
Ben'jn Weiss, supply,	1	106	58	9	1	5	99	1	2	2	160		25	00	2280	00				
R. C. Weaver, do																				
Gustave A. Schwedes,	2	240	120				172													
St. Paul's & Topham,																				
Geo. W. Seblitz,																				
	53	11282	6785	1101	12	584	203	10362	145		30	510	93	8091	25	10344	00	\$72810	00	434

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* The statistics of the Fleetwood charge (Rev. J. S. Herman) and of the Frieden's congregation (without a pastor) are only approximately correct.

† The Lehighon congregation was without a regular pastor (although supplied by a committee of members of Classis) during the greater part of the Clerical Year.

‡ The Rite of Confirmation was administered by the Rev. Edwin A. Gernant.

CLASSIS OF WYOMING.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Confrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Bapt's.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command'd.	Dismissed.	Krmaures.	Deaths.	S. Schols.	R. S. Sch's.	Min. for M.	Contributions.	Minutes of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.		
Alfred Houts,	Orangeville,	4	301	135	13	3	8	2	278	9	15	4	4	200		\$167 00	\$1065 00	8	Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa.	
Franklin K. Levan,	Wilkes-Barre,	1	420	390	44		24	25	300	5	24	15	1	200		80 00	1500 00	10	Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne do	
Sebastian C. Meckel,	Plymouth,	1	104	97	29		6	2	75	10	2	3	1	65		65 00	386 00	8	Plymouth, do do	
Stephen Sidney Kohler,	Wapwallopen,	4	370	160	44		39	0	326	7	14	4	360	1		313 90	1500 00	24	Wapwallopen, do do	
A. M. Masonheimer,	Weatherly,	2	320	200	65		20	20	270		5	55	1	250		90 00	1800 00	6	Weatherly, Carbon do	
Joseph H. Hansberger,		1	340	118	11		10	20	230	6	8	9	1	304		104 00	6985 00	8	Stone Church, Genesee Co., N. Y.	
Francis C. Yost,	Milton,	3	400	165	39	12	30	16	364	13	7	14	3	330		318 50	2048 61	20	Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa.	
John A. Peters,	Danville,	3	460	290	30		10	6	350	14	10	8	275	1		270 00	1065 00	22	Danville, Montour do	
D. E. Schoedler,	Turbottville,	3	170	115	19		10	2	126	1	3	2	60	1		47 00	803 00	12	Turbottville, North'ber'd do	
Vacant,	Overton,	2	302	98	13	2	10	18	280	4	2	3	2	370	1	313 00	1229 00	10	Overton, Bradford do	
George S. Sorber,	Watsontown,	4	650	425	50	1	26	11	553		25	4	335			218 00	1330 00	18	McEwensville, North'ber'd do	
Jacob B. Kerschner,	Conyngham,	1	190	114	9		2	10	145	5	2	8	1	140		271 47	1435 00	10	Conyngham, Luzerne do	
John S. Wagner,	Bloomsburg,																	10	Bloomsburg, Columbia do	
L. C. Edmonds,	Without charge,																	12	South Bethlehem, Lehigh do	
E. D. Miller,	Freeland,	1	212	300	41		8	7	168	12		9	1	255		1108 50		12	Freeland, Luzerne do	
George W. Kerschner,	Christ Church,	1	89	30					1	58		2	1	60		639 00		5	Payette, Seneca Co., N. Y.	
Aaron Noll,	Hazleton,	1	77	48	6		11	19	76	8				100		18 00	435 00	5	Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa.	
Vacant,	Nanticoke,	1	97	103															5	Nanticoke, do do
Vacant,	Emmanuel,	2	246	125	31			3	210	2		4	2	170		135 00	580 00	12	Washingtonville, North'd do	
Alfred Houts, supply,	Brier Creek Cong.,	1	31	15	3				28							15 00	75 00	2	Orangeville, Columbia do	
16	17	36	4779	2923	446	18	214	161	3837	96	65	178	32	3474	4	\$5426 00	\$26985 00	187		

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States for 1888.

NAME OF CLASSES.	Minist'ers.	Congreg's.	Members.	Unconfr'd Members.	Baptisms.		Additional.		Comm'd.	Dismiss'd.	Excom.	Eased.	Deaths.	Sund'ay Schools.	Z. School.	Stud'nts for the Min.	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.	Confr'd.	Certific'.									Gen'ral.	Purp.
East Pennsylvania,	27	48	10086	6108	680	11	421	120	7361	71	1	36	282	66	5677	9	\$7903 00	\$28844 00
Lebanon,	22	49	10667	7076	666	32	566	198	8857	145	6	72	334	65	6407	8	4157 00	34273 00
Philadelphia,	23	28	4683	1185	153	143	331	275	3938	99	0	50	89	27	4977	11	10607 00	65430 00
Lancaster,	26	40	4988	2397	252	107	306	116	3909	72	0	64	149	35	3847	5	7930 05	21139 00
East Susquehanna,	14	48	4937	3148	335	16	244	84	4107	52	2	16	175	52	3479	2	2121 00	17475 00
West Susquehanna,	19	57	4716	2888	298	14	175	138	4202	81	0	54	100	53	3584	10	5355 00	20475 00
Goshenhoppen,	12	29	6923	4320	424	36	274	117	5852	71	0	12	259	34	4173	5	3237 26	18471 00
Tohickon,	17	37	7078	3983	427	51	268	160	5912	68	0	41	220	50	4334	8	4584 00	32537 00
Lehigh,	28	53	11282	6785	1101	12	584	203	10362	145	0	30	510	93	8091	25	10344 00	72810 00
Schuylkill,	20	40	10512	6640	809	21	678	223	8582	110	0	361	340	46	7932	12	9514 13	45494 00
Wyoming,	16	36	4779	2923	446	18	214	162	3837	96	0	65	178	32	3474	3	3426 00	20955 00
Total,	226	465	80651	47453	5791	461	4061	1796	66919	1110	9	801	2636	563	55975	98	\$69178 43	\$379933 00
Synod of Ohio, -	6	233	19460	6284	856	511	1226	795	15674	361	1	441	315	205	18491	21	\$14687 00	\$73883 00
Ger.Synod, North West, 10 do	114	190	16747	12539	1528	23	837	669	11130	164	14	215	389	165	8638	22	11641 00	71693 00
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 do	57	128	13354	9010	883	99	754	488	11017	252	0	256	212	105	8109	17	19197 06	80795 35
Synod of the Potomac, 10 do	144	297	31631	19400	1919	252	1547	773	25570	502	5	185	786	289	22966	47	36727 53	123768 47
Ger. Synod of the East, 5 do	47	44	12756	8023	2132	17	750	653	9613	93	0	378	428	45	9002	7	5523 00	71646 00
Central Synod, - 4 do	80	116	16342	10861	1216	53	908	607	13032	227	17	430	409	108	10232	34	12530 00	82231 00
Synod of the Interior, 4 do	39	62	2653	1619	135	58	199	167	2123	64	0	57	36	50	2670	4	1766 99	16455 71
Total, 7 Dist Synods, 55 Classes,	813	1535	194044	115189	14460	1474	10282	5948	155108	4673	46	2763	5241	1450	136288	270	\$171251 01	\$910415 53

Stated Clerks.—Rev. Tigh. O. Stom, Easton, Pa. Rev. John H. Seehler, Centre Square, Montgomery Co., Pa. Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, Lancaster, Pa. Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, Sunbury, Pa. Rev. Wm. A. Haas, Sellsingrove, Pa. Rev. C. B. Wisend, Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa. Rev. Nath. Z. Snyder, S. Bethlehem, Pa. Rev. Edwin A. Gernant, Allentown, Pa. Rev. H. Mosser, Reading, Pa. Rev. S. Sidney Kohler, Bellbend, Luzerne Co., Pa. Jno. P. Stein, Millersville, Lancaster, Pa. Rev. I. H. Reiter, D.D., Mansburg, Ohio. Rev. J. J. Janett, Freeport, Ill. Rev. J. M. Schlot, Greenville, Pa. Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., Mercersburg, Pa. Rev. U. Broders, Sweet Air, Baltimore Co., Md. Rev. John Bachman, Cincinnati, Ohio. Rev. Thos. F. Stauffer, Abilene, Kansas.

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One Hundred and Forty-Third Annual Sessions.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in Zion's Reformed Church of Allentown, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine. The session commenced on the evening of the sixteenth and continued until the evening of the twenty-first inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened according to adjournment in Zion's Reformed Church of Allentown, Pa., October 16th, A.D. 1889, at 7.30 P.M. The opening sermon was preached by the President of Synod, Rev. A. B. Koplin, D.D., from the text recorded in Acts 15: 28—"For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—Classis of East Pennsylvania.

Ministers: Revs. T. O. Stem, H. M. Kieffer, D.D.,² W. F. More, C. W. Levan,² F. W. Smith.²

Elders: Jacob Rader,² John Teel and Edw. Bachman.²

II.—Classis of Lebanon.

Ministers: Revs. Henry J. Welker,² Thos. M. Yundt, Thos. C. Leinbach, Adam J. Bachman.²

Elders: Geo. Fahrenbach, Percival P. Edris, D. P. Althouse,² Jacob R. Funk.²

III.—Classis of Philadelphia.

Ministers: Revs. G. H. Johnston, D.D., Jerome B. Henry,² Henry T. Spangler, Saml. R. Bridenbaugh.

Elders: Isaiah C. Gerhart,² Jno. W. Bickel, Esq., Jacob G. Brown and Cyrus Swinehart.

IV.—Classis of Lancaster.

Ministers: Revs. Geo. W. Snyder, Jas. W. Meminger, Milton H. Sangree, Darius W. Gerhard, Jno. M. Titzel, D. D.

Elders: Geo. W. Hensel, J. E. Kershner, Philip Bausman, Wm. H. Seibert.

V.—Classis of East Susquehanna.

Ministers: Revs. Geo. B. Dechant,¹ Thos. J. Hacker, C. H. Mutschler.

Elder: S. S. Smith.

VI.—Classis of West Susquehanna.

Ministers: Revs. Wm. A. Haas, W. W. Clouser, J. Dotterer.

Elders: C. M. Bower, Esq., Prof. Wm. Moyer, Cyrus Heller.

VII.—Classis of Goshenhoppen.

Ministers: Revs. Eli Keller, D.D., Joseph E. Freeman.

Elders: Jacob M. Christman, H. E. E. Roeder.

VIII.—Classis of Tohickon.

Ministers: Revs. B. B. Ferer, N. Z. Snyder, A. B. Koplin, D.D.

Elders: Allen Clymer,¹ Saml. F. Scheetz.²

IX.—Classis of Lehigh.

Ministers: Revs. J. Alvin Reber, E. A. Gernant, W. R. Hofford, D.D., A. J. G. Dubbs.

Elders: R. H. Kramm, Jacob Lawfer, T. F. Butz.

X.—Classis of Schuylkill.

Ministers: Revs. Chas. F. McCauley, O. H. Strunck,¹ R. W. Miller, Henry Mosser.

Elders: Danl. Miller,² Daniel Shepp,³ H. Y. Stoner.³

XI.—Classis of Wyoming.

Ministers: Revs. A. Houtz, F. C. Yost,¹ F. K. Levan.

Elders: Daniel Clinger,² Urias P. Getz,³ Daniel Lerch.¹

Advisory Members.

East Pennsylvania Classis.—Revs. G. A. Schwedes, Jas. W. Mabry, W. D. C. Rothrock, Chas. Becker, T. C. Porter, D.D.,

The number attached to the names of the delegates on the roll indicates the day when they appeared and took their seats. The letters indicate the day on which they obtained leave of absence.

Robt. Lisberger, Chas. B. Weaver, M. A. Smith, Geo. B. Smith, J. E. Smith, T. O. Lindaman, S. P. Mauger.

Lebanon Classis.—Prof. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., Revs. S. A. Leinbach, D. E. Klopp, D.D.

Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. Jas. Crawford, D.D., Chas. G. Fisher, E. D. Wettach, Jas. I. Good, D.D.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. E. E. Higbee, D.D., E. V. Gerhart, D.D., J. H. Dubbs, D.D., T. G. Apple, D.D., J. S. Stahr, Ph. D., A. C. Whitmer, S. Schweitzer.

East Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. J. Cal. Leinbach, Dr. R. Duen-ger, Geo. J. Lisberger.

West Susquehanna Classis.—Revs Wm. M. Landis, Jno. F. De Long.

Goshenhoppen Classis.—Revs. S. M. K. Huber, C. S. Wieand, Isaac S. Stahr, Jos. D. Peters, Dr. C. Z. Weiser, A. L. Dechant and S. K. Gross.

Tohickon Classis.—Revs. Robt. C. Weaver, James G. Dengler, M. H. Mill, F. J. Mohr.

Lehigh Classis.—Revs. E. J. Fogel, Thos. N. Reber, Wm. M. Reily, Ph.D., N. F. Peters, A. P. Horn, J. A. Fritzinger, Tobias Kessler, J. C. Kurtz, M. H. Dieffenderfer.

Schuylkill Classis.—Revs. Geo. B. Walbert, C. S. Gerhard, H. K. Binkley, A. R. Bartholomew, S. E. Stofflet, Henry A. Keyser.

Wyoming Classis.—Revs. A. M. Masonheimer, E. D. Miller.

Zion's Classis, Synod of Potomac.—Rev. Ambrose D. Gring.

Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh.—Rev. George M. Zacharias.

Carlisle Classis, Synod of Potomac.—Rev. S. B. Schafer.

Union Church of Japan.—Rev. M. Oshikawa.

Of Union Theological Seminary, New York.—Rev. Philip Schaff, D.D.

Other Churches.

Presbytery of Lehigh, Rev. C. Earle, D.D., Rev. J. A. Little, D.D. Reformed Church of America, Rev. Dr. Talbot W. Chambers, of New York. Lutheran Church, Rev. C. J. Cooper, B. E. Kramlich, Rev. J. S. Renninger, Rev. T. C. Seip, D.D., Dr. J. A. Bauman, of Muhlenberg College, Rev. S. A. Repass, D.D., Rev. Charles Hay, Allentown, Rev. Charles F. Steck, Williamsport, Pa. Evangelical Church, Revs. W. K. Wieand, Allentown, S. C. Brey-

fogel, Reading, and Rev. B. F. Bahner. Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. W. Bamford.

Elder John J. Nissley, delegate secundus, took the place of Elder J. E. Kershner, delegate primarius from Lancaster Classis, on the fourth day of the sessions. Elder H. E. E. Roeder, delegate secundus from Goshenhoppen Classis on the fourth day, took the place of Elder Jacob M. Christman, his primarius. Rev. J. Alvin Reber, delegate secundus of Lehigh Classis, took the place on the third day of his primarius, Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John M. Titzel, D.D., of Lancaster, Pa., was elected President.

Rev. W. F. More, of Catasauqua, Pa., was elected Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. John P. Stein, of Millersville, Pa., is Stated Clerk.

Elder John J. Nissley, of Hummelstown, Pa., was re-elected Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order adopted by the General Synod at Akron were read by the Stated Clerk.

The bar of the house was defined to extend to the twelfth row of pews from the chancel. The business session of Synod opened at 9 A.M., and closed at 5 P.M., with a recess from 11.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. A business session was held on Monday evening commencing at 7.30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

I. *On Minutes of Synod.*—Revs. W. A. Haas, W. W. Clouser and Joseph E. Freeman, and Elders Allen Clymer and T. F. Butz.

II. *On Overtures.*—Revs. Dr. W. R. Hofford, J. Dotterer, C. H. Mutschler and Elders P. Bausman and S. S. Smith.

III. *On Religious Services*.—Revs. E. A. Gernant, Dr. A. J. G. Dubbs and W. R. Hofford, and Elders Jacob Lawfer and R. H. Kramm.

IV. *On Minutes of Classes*.—Revs. O. H. Strunck, Rufus W. Miller and F. C. Yost, and Elders Daniel Lerch and Jacob M. Christman.

V. *On Examination, Licensure and Ordination*.—Revs. Dr. C. F. McCauley, Dr. Eli Keller and W. F. More, and Elders Jacob G. Brown and William Moyer.

VI. *On the State of Religion*.—Revs. Dr. A. B. Koplin, B. B. Ferer and F. W. Smith, and Elders Samuel F. Sheetz and H. Y. Stoner.

VII. *On Theological Seminary*.—Revs. Dr. G. H. Johnston, J. W. Meminger and M. H. Sangree, and Elders George W. Hensel and W. H. Seibert.

VIII. *On Missions*.—Revs. F. K. Levan, H. T. Spangler and G. W. Snyder, and Elders Isaiah C. Gerhart and Jacob Rader.

IX. *On Finance*.—Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, Thomas M. Yundt and N. Z. Snyder, and Elders Cyrus Heller and P. P. Edris.

X. *On Nominations*.—Revs. T. J. Hacker, Dr. H. M. Kieffer and J. A. Reber, and Elders G. W. Hensel and John J. Nissley.

XI. *On Publication*.—Revs. D. W. Gerhard, T. O. Stem and George B. Dechant, and Elders J. W. Bickel and C. M. Bower.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Wyoming were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on this subject.

2. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary—also the Annual Report of the Board of Education—were received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

3. The Report of the Trustees of Synod and the Report of the Treasurer of Synod were received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Committee on Finance.

4. The Annual Report of the Board of Missions, the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions and the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

6. A communication from Pittsburgh Synod, with nominations for Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary, was referred to Committee on Nominations.

7. Numerous other documents were received and placed in the hands of the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The acts and proceedings of the Synod of Norristown were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod. The committee submitted its report, which was taken up, item by item, and adopted. The report reads as follows, to wit:

REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod beg leave to report the following items, viz :

Item 1, Page 18. A committee was appointed with instructions to define the relation of Beneficiary Students to the Synod's Board of Education. Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., chairman.

Item 2, Page 33. The Stated Clerk was instructed to communicate the action of this Synod to the Synods of Pittsburgh and of the Potomac, in regard to the new Professorships in the Theological Seminary, proposed to be endowed by the respective Synods.

Item 3, Page 52. A Committee of Counsel was appointed, to advise the Committee on Constitution of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society in the formation of a constitution.

Item 4, Page 53. Synod set apart Friday evening of the present

sessions, to be devoted to the exercises of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society and to the consideration of woman's work.

Item 5, Page 55. The Stated Clerk was instructed to transmit a copy of Synod's action on the Unification of Missions to the several district Synods of the Reformed Church.

Item 6, Page 66. A committee was appointed to co-operate with the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and members of the Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, in the organization of a new congregation. Chairman, Rev. L. K. Evans.

Item 7, Page 67. The Stated Clerk was instructed to communicate the action of Synod to East Pennsylvania Classis and Christ Reformed Church, in regard to existing difficulties.

Item 8, Page 78. A committee was appointed to act conjointly with similar committees, appointed by the Synods of Pittsburgh and Potomac, and confer with Rev. C. G. Fisher for the correction of all difficulties which may exist. Rev. Saml. G. Wagner chairman.

Item 9, Page 79. Five Persons were elected by Synod as an Editorial Commission, who, together with three persons from the Synod of the Potomac and three persons from the Synod of Pittsburgh, shall have power to elect an editor-in-chief of the *Reformed Church Messenger*.

Item 10, Page 80. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have published 8,200 copies of the Minutes of Synod in the English Language.

Item 11, Page 80. The Stated Clerk was instructed to examine the charters of the various Boards, to discover the law and customs prevailing in the elections to fill vacancies in the several Boards.

Item 12, Page 80. A committee was appointed to ascertain in what manner a church member, in good and regular standing, is to be treated, who is denied by his own congregation a proper dismissal.

Item 13, Page 81. Synod appointed a committee to select subjects on Practical Church Work, for discussion at the next annual sessions. Chairman, Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D.

Item 14, Page 85. Action on the report of a Special Committee on the New Hymn-Book was postponed until the next annual sessions.

Item 15, Page 87. The Stated Clerk was instructed to transmit

a copy of the resolutions of Synod, in regard to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, to the Secretary of the aforesaid Society.

Item 16, Pages 13 and 18. A committee was appointed to report on the request of Philadelphia Classis, to change its Synodical title.

Item 17, Page 32. The committee on the endowment of the Theological Seminary was continued.

Item 18, Page 55. An Overture to the Ursinus Union, in reference to the dissolution of its department of Home Mission Work.

Item 19, Page 60. The Board of the Trustees of Synod are directed to borrow a certain amount for Wichita University.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. HAAS, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on the 1st and 17th items, see Article XIII on Theological Seminary. The 2d, 5th, 7th and 15th items were reported as attended to. On items 3 and 18, see Article XIV, on Missions. On items 6, 11, 12 and 16, see Article XX, on Church Government. On items 8, 9, 10 and 14, see Article XIX, on Publication. On item 19, see Article XV, on Finance.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted its report. It was received, considered, item by item, and finally adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Fathers and Brethren:—Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following items claiming the attention of Synod:

Item 1. A letter from Rev. Wm. M. Reily, Ph.D., inviting Synod to visit in a body Allentown Female College.

Item 2. The Report of the Board of Managers of the Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.

Item 3. Catalogues of Franklin and Marshall College; of Ursinus College; of Palatinate College; and of Allentown Female College.

Item 4. Proceedings of 1st Convention of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

Item 5. An overture from the Executive Council of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

Item 6. A Memorial from St. Paul's Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

Item 7. A communication from the Potomac Synod, reciting its action in reference to the Tri-Synodic Compact.

Item 8. The action of Potomac Synod, with reference to nominations for the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Item 9. A communication from the Potomac Synod, announcing the election of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Superintendent of Missions.

Item 10. A report of the Treasurer of Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and a statement of its official relation to the financial condition of the Society.

Item 11. The action of the Potomac Synod as to the electing of the editor-in-chief of the *Messenger*.

Item 12. A paper from Pittsburgh Synod, with reference to the editor-in-chief of *Messenger*.

Item 13. A report and overture of Rev. J. A. Peters, D.D., as a member of the Commission of Synod, for the election of an editor-in-chief of the *Messenger*.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. R. HOFFORD, *Chairman*.

For action on items 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on item 6, see Article XVI, on Appeals and References; on items 7 and 9, see Article XIV, on Missions; on items 11, 12 and 13, see Article XIX, on Publication.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of Synod were opened and closed with religious services. The Standing Committee on this subject, reported from time to time the Order of Service, and appointed the persons who were to conduct the same. The report, as a whole, was finally adopted. It reads as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Religious Services and pulpit supply would respectfully report the following:

Thursday Evening—Home Missions. Addresses by J. F. De Long and A. C. Whitmer. Liturgical service, Rev. N. Z. Snyder.

Friday Evening—Service under auspices of Women's Synodical Missionary Society. President of the evening the Pastor Locī. See Report of Committee on Practical Church Topics, for programme.

Saturday—2 o'clock P.M. Service preparatory to Holy Communion. Altar service, by Rev. J. M. Titzel, D.D. Sermon, by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., LL.D.

7.30 P.M.—Practical Church-Work Topics, Liturgical service, Rev. J. P. Stein. Topics: see report of Committee on Practical Church-Work Topics

Sunday—9.30 A.M. (German). Liturgical Service, Rev. A. R. Bartholomew. Sermon, Rev. Henry Mosser.

10.30 A.M.—Celebration of the Holy Communion (English). Altar services, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh and Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., LL. D. Sermon, Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., LL.D. Assistants at Distribution, Revs. C. F. McCauley, D.D. and Rev. G. H. Johnston, D.D.

2.15 P.M.—Sunday-school service. Addresses, Rev. Dr. McCauley, Rev. Dr. Kieffer, Rev. O. H. Strunk, Rev. Philip Schaff, D.D., LL D.

3.30 P.M.—In Salem's Reformed Church. Public meeting in the interests of Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

7.30 P.M.—Foreign Missions. Liturgical Service, Rev. A. R. Bartholomew. Addresses by Rev. T. O. Stem, Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Rev. Oshikawa.

St. John's Reformed Church—A.M., Rev. H. M. Keiffer, D.D. P.M., Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D.

Salem's Reformed Church—A.M., Rev. T. J. Hacker. P.M., Rev. O. H. Strunk.

Christ Reformed Church—A.M., Rev. W. A. A. Haas. P.M. (S. S.), Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh. P.M., Rev. H. T. Spangler.

St. John's Lutheran Church—A.M., Rev. J. M. Titzel, D.D. P.M., Rev. G. H. Johnston, D.D.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church—A.M., Rev. J. F. De Long. P.M., Rev. J. W. Meminger.

Salem's Reformed Church, Catasauqua—P.M., Rev. B. B. Ferer.

Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa.—A.M., Rev. C. W. Levan.

Methodist Episcopal Church—P.M., Rev. J. P. Stein.

First Reformed Church, South Bethlehem—A.M., Rev. W. W. Clouser. P.M., Rev. G. W. Snyder.

Presbyterian Church—A.M., Rev. A. B. Koplin, D.D. P.M., D. W. Gerhard.

Presbyterian Church, Catasauqua—B. B. Ferer.

Baptist Church—A.M., Rev. F. K. Levan. P.M., Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

Jordan Church—P.M., Rev. T. M. Yundt.

Coplay Reformed Church—P.M., Rev. J. P. Stein.

Egypt Reformed Church—A.M., Rev. T. M. Yundt.

St Mark's—Rev. Dr. Dünger.

Macungie Reformed Church—Saturday Preparatory Service, Rev. C. H. Mutschler. Sunday Communion Service, Rev. T. C. Leinbach.

Trexlertown Reformed Church—P.M., T. C. Leinbach.

Jacksonville Reformed Church—A.M., Rev. A. J. Bachman.

Salem's Evangelical Church—P.M., Rev. F. C. Yost.

Stone Reformed Church, Montgomery County—A.M., Rev. D. W. Gerhard.

Ebenezer Evangelical Church—A.M., Rev. J. B. Henry.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN A. GERNANT,

R. H. KRAMM.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOPICS OF PRACTICAL CHURCH WORK.

Your committee appointed to select subjects for discussion on Practical Church Work, and to designate the speakers, and to make provision—also for the holding of Missionary meetings during the sessions of the present Synod, would beg leave to offer the following programme.

Wednesday Evening, at 7 30 o'clock.—Opening Sermon, by Rev. Dr. A. B. Koplin.

Thursday Evening—Home Missionary Service. Addresses, Rev. J. H. Sechler, Rev. J. F. De Long and Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

Friday Evening—Services to be conducted by the Women's Synodical Missionary Society, as appointed by the last Synod.

Saturday Evening—Practical Church Work Topics. For this discussion the following subjects and speakers have been chosen:

1. Pastoral Work—its End and Scope.—Principal, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh. Alternate, Rev. C. S. Gerhard.

2. The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip—its Aim and Advantages.—Principal, Rev. R. W. Miller. Alternate, Rev. J. H. Pannebecker.

3. The Purpose and Benefit of Church Attendance.—Principal, Rev. Dr. H. M. Kieffer. Alternate, Rev. J. G. Dengler.

Sunday Evening—Foreign Missionary Service. Addresses by Rev. T. O. Stem, Rev. Oshikawa and Rev. A. R. Bartholomew. According to instructions of Synod, the above brethren were notified at least one month, prior to the meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. WAGNER,
E. A. GERNANT,
R. H. KRAMM.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session on Friday. It was read, acted on item by item, and finally adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to offer for your consideration the following report:

I. Irregularities.

Item 1. Lebanon Classis fails to fix its seal to Statistical table.

Item 2. Lancaster Classis fails to propound the Constitutional questions to one of its elders, p. 15.

Item 3. Lancaster Classis fails to give a full schedule of items.

Item 4. West Susquehanna Classis fails to adopt the Report of the Committee on Overtures as a whole, p. 21.

Item 5. West Susquehanna Classis fails to give an orderly and full index.

Item 6. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to read its Minutes at the opening of a morning session, p. 2.

Item 7. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to adopt the Report on Overtures as a whole, p. 12.

Item 8. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to give the county and state of place of special meeting, p. 23.

Item 9. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to fix the name of the President of Classis to its Minutes for two special meetings. pp. 22 and 24

Item 10. Goshenhoppen Classis fails to state the acceptance of a call given to Licentiate Fisher, p. 24.

Item 11. Goshenhoppen Classis closes its session without religious service, p. 24.

Item 12. Lehigh Classis fails to give two weeks' notice of a special meeting, p. 68.

Item 13. Lehigh Classis fails to attach the seal to Report on the State of Religion.

II. Requests.

1. Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to excuse it from apportionment for Wichita University, p. 45.

2. Philadelphia Classis returns an answer to the request, and directions to Synod concerning apportionments for Missions, pp. 66, 67.

3. Lehigh Classis requests the continuance of the printing of German Minutes, p. 32.

4. East Susquehanna Classis asks to be exonerated from the payment of \$175 apportionment by Synod for Church Building Fund, p. 15.

5. East Susquehanna Classis asks indulgence of Synod in the payment of arrears on pledges to Wichita University, p. 35.

III. Complaints.

None.

IV. Subjects Referred to the Classes.

All the Classes took favorable action on all the subjects referred by Synod with the following exceptions.

1. Lebanon Classis does not concur in the apportionment for Home Missions, p. 61, Min. of Synod, and p. 21, Min. of Classis.

2. Lebanon Classis assumes the apportionment for Seminary repairs and Wichita University which it had declined to assume, pp. 31 and 36.

3. West Susquehanna Classis does not adopt the instructions of Synod to apportion no amount for Home Missions on charges which do not pay, pp. 25 and 26.

4. Tohickon Classis declines to reconsider its former action with reference to apportionments for Wichita University, p. 15.

5. Wyoming Classis reconsiders its action of last year and declines to place its beneficiary students under the parent Board.

6. Lehigh Classis fails to acquiesce with the instruction of Synod to establish a Missionary Sunday.

7. Lehigh Classis does not adopt Synod's instruction to give to members moving out of the bounds of their congregations letters of dismissal.

8. Lehigh Classis refuses to act in accordance with the instructions of the Synod of Norristown, that the Classes are not to apportion amounts for Home Missions on all congregations on the ground that it is an unwise and unjust discrimination.

V. Licensure, Ordination, Reception and Dismissal.

1. East Pennsylvania licensed Messrs. Sefellen E. Stofflet and George J. Lisberger, pp. 35 and 36; received Rev. S. P. Mauger from Philadelphia Classis, Synod of United States, p. 7; Rev. John J. Stauffer from Gettysburg Classis, Synod of Potomac, p. 50; Rev. Gustave A. Schwedes from Lehigh Classis, Synod of the United States, p. 53; Lic. Russell N. Koplin, p. 47, and Lic. Charles B. Weaver from Tohickon Classis, Synod of United States, p. 51; Lic. Samuel A. Hitner from Philadelphia Classis, Synod of United States, p. 48; dismissed Lic. Sefellen E. Stofflet, p. 36, and Rev. H. K. Binkley, p. 48, to Schuylkill Classis, Synod of United States; Lic. Geo. J. Lisberger to East Susquehanna Classis, Synod of United States, p. 53, and Lic. Geo. H. Miller to Wyoming Classis, Synod of United States, p. 55; and revoked the license of Thomas M. Balliet, at his own request, p. 33.

2. Lebanon Classis licensed Gideon P. Fisher and Chas. E. Wehler, p. 8; received Wm. H. Groh from Classis of West Susquehanna, Synod of Reformed Church in United States; Rev. H. Hilbish from Classis of Gettysburg, Synod of Potomac; Rev. James A. Wickert from Classis of Mercersburg, Synod of Potomac; Rev. David U. Wolff from Classis

of Gettysburg, Synod of Potomac, Rev. D. E. Klopp, D.D., Classis of Philadelphia, Synod of United States, pp. 5, 44, 47, 6, 48; dismissed Rev. C. H. Coon to Classis of Philadelphia, Synod of United States; Lic. Chas. E. Wehler to Classis of Philadelphia, Synod of United States; Lic. G. P. Fisher to Classis of Goshenhoppen, Synod of Reformed Church in United States; Rev. Tobias Kessler to Classis of Lehigh, Synod of United States, pp. 43, 9, 9, 26.

3. Philadelphia Classis licensed Messrs. Wilson Delaney, Wm. H. Shepp, Samuel A. Hitner, p. 33, and Wilson Stearly, p. 47; ordained Lic. Edwin C. Hibsachman, p. 18, and Lic. Abr. D. Wolfinger, p. 27; received Rev. D. P. Lefevre from Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac, p. 3; Rev. James R. Lewis from Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior, p. 3; Rev. Joseph H. Hendricks and Trinity Christian Church, Freeland, Mont. Co., Pa. (previously independent), p. 6; Rev. Charles H. Coon, p. 9, and Lic. Charles E. Wehler, p. 64, from Lebanon Classis; Rev. Joseph Duckworth, now member of Bethel Reformed Church, previously of Methodist Protestant Church, p. 65; dismissed Lic. Samuel A. Hitner to East Penna. Classis, p. 37, and Rev. D. E. Klopp, D.D., to Lebanon Classis, p. 73.

4. Lancaster Classis received Rev. J. F. Mackley, Classis of Clarion, Synod of Pittsburgh; Rev. M. H. Sangree, Classis of Gettysburg, Synod of Potomac; dismissed Rev. N. J. Miller to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac; ordained Lic. Geo. F. Mull and Lic. R. C. Schiedt.

5. West Susquehanna Classis licensed W. T. Auman and dismissed the brother to Wyoming Classis, Synod of United States, p. 24; dismissed Rev. D. H. Leader to St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, pp. 1-3; Rev. T. S. Land to St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, pp. 1-3; Rev. W. H. Groh to Lebanon Classis, Synod of United States, pp. 20-21; Rev. Z. A. Yearick to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev. S. P. Brown to East Susquehanna Classis, Synod of United States, p. 41; Rev. T. R. Dietz to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac, p. 43; received Rev. A. A. Black from St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, p. 39.

6. Goshenhoppen Classis received Lic. G. P. Fisher from Classis of Lebanon, Synod of United States, p. 24; ordained Lic. J. D.

Peters, p. 9; dismissed Rev. J. D. Peters to Classis of Gettysburg, Synod of Potomac, p. 12.

7. Tohickon Classis licensed C. B. Weaver and R. N. Koplin; dismissed Lic. R. N. Koplin, p. 15, and C. B. Weaver, p. 29, to East Pennsylvania Classis.

8. Lehigh Classis licensed (p. 35) Geo. B. Walbert, Morris H. Brensinger, Oliver F. Schaeffer, Hiram A. Frantz and Calvin E. Bartholomew; dismissed Lic. G. B. Walbert to Schuylkill Classis, Synod of United States, p. 49; O. F. Schaeffer to Gettysburg Classis, Synod of Potomac, p. 49; Lic. C. E. Bartholomew to Schuylkill Classis, Synod of United States; H. A. Frantz to Schuylkill Classis, Synod of United States; ordained Lic. C. E. Wagner, p. 27; Lic. M. H. Brensinger.

9. East Susquehanna Classis received Rev. S. P. Brown from West Susquehanna Classis, Synod of United States; Lic. Geo. J. Lisberger from East Pennsylvania Classis, Synod of United States, p. 3; dismissed Revs. W. G. Engle and J. C. Glantz to Wyoming Classis, Synod of United States.

10. Wyoming Classis received Licentiate W. T. Auman from West Susquehanna Classis, p. 9; Revs. W. G. Engle and J. C. Glantz from East Susquehanna Classis, p. 65, and dismissed Rev. J. S. Wagner to Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, p. 2; Rev. L. C. Edmonds to the Congregational Association of New Jersey, p. 3; Rev. J. H. Hunsberger to the Genesee Presbytery, New York, of the Presbyterian Church, p. 66.

11. Schuylkill Classis received Licentiates Hiram A. Frantz, G. B. Walbert and C. E. Bartholomew from Lehigh Classis (Overtures items 6, 10, 13); Licentiate S. E. Stofflet from East Pennsylvania Classis (Overtures item 15); and Rev. H. K. Binkley from East Pennsylvania Classis (Minutes of Special Meeting held July 22); ordained Licentiates C. B. Schneder, G. B. Walbert, H. A. Frantz, C. E. Bartholomew and S. E. Stofflet (in reference to the first see Min. of Classis, item 8, and the four last named have been ordained since the last annual meeting).

VI. Time and Place of Meeting.

1. East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in Plainfield Reformed Church, Northampton County, Pa., Thursday, May 15, A.D. 1890,

at 7.30 P.M. Rev. W. F. More, *President*; Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk*.

2. Lebanon Classis will meet in Zion's Reformed Church in Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa., on Thursday, May 15, A.D. 1890, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. Jas. B. May, *President*; J. E. Heister, *Stated Clerk*.

3. Philadelphia Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, Spring City, Chester County, Pa., on Ascension Day, May 15, A.D. 1890, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. J. B. Henry, *President*; Rev. John H. Sechler, *Stated Clerk*.

4. Lancaster Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pa., Thursday, April 24, A.D. 1890, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. J. M. Meminger, *President*; Rev. D. W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*.

5. East Susquehanna Classis will meet in Zion's Reformed Church, Ashland, Schuylkill County, Pa., on June 5, A.D. 1890, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. Tilgh. Derr, *President*; J. Calvin Leinbach, *Stated Clerk*.

6. West Susquehanna Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Bellefonte, Centre County, Pa., on third Wednesday, May 21, A.D. 1890, at 7.30 P.M. Elder C. M. Bower, *President*; Rev. Wm. M. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

7. Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in Huff's Reformed Church, Berks County, Pa., on Wednesday, May 14, A.D. 1890, at 2 o'clock P.M. Rev. Jos. E. Freeman, *President*; Rev. C. S. Wieand, *Stated Clerk*.

8. Tohickon Classis will meet in St. Peter's Reformed Church, South Easton, Northampton County, Pa., on Friday after Ascension, May 16, A.D. 1890, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. A. B. Koplin, *President*; Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

9. Lehigh Classis will meet in Salem's Reformed Church, East Penn Township, Carbon Co., Pa., on Thursday, May 15, A.D. 1890, at 10 A.M. Rev. Dr. S. G. Wagner, *President*; Rev. E. A. Gernant, *Stated Clerk*.

10. Schuylkill Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, in Schuylkill Haven, Pa., April 28, A.D. 1890, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. O. H. Strunck, *President*; Rev. C. B. Schnader, *Stated Clerk*.

11. Wyoming Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Freeland, Luzerne County, Pa., on Wednesday, April 30, A.D. 1890, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. F. C. Yost, *President*; Rev. S. S. Kohler, *Stated Clerk*.

I. The several items reported as irregularities were adopted.

II. For action on items 1, 2 and 3, under the head of requests,

see Art. XVI., on Appeals and References. The Requests 4 and 5 for reasons satisfactory to Synod were granted. For action on items 1 and 4, under the head of subjects referred, see Art. XVI., on Appeals and References. The items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 under this head were adopted.

All the items, under the general heads V. and VI. were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, would respectfully report, that no applicants appeared for examination and that no other matters were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. McCAULEY, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The following Report on Religion and Morals was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit :

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—In reviewing the work of the Church for the past year, we would first of all record our gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, for the many blessings with which He has so graciously remembered us.

The health of ministers and people has on the whole, been very good.

Nearly all our ministers have been able during the whole year to attend to all the duties of their office, whilst the people were permitted, very generally, to attend upon all the means of grace.

Several Classes, however, were called upon to chronicle the death of some of their co-laborers. Let us believe that these departed brethren have lived out their allotted time, and that, having finished their work in the Church militant, the Lord of the dead and the living has called them to their reward in the Church above. And let us not mourn their departure as "those which have no hope." Rather let us realize that our loss is their gain; and that even in our loss there is also a gain; for in the departure of those,

whose hearts so lately throbbed in union with ours, we are made all the more keenly to realize that

"The saints in heaven and saints on earth
But one communion make,"

whilst we are warned at the same time to labor with ever-growing zeal while the day lasts.

From the reports placed in our hands we learn that there is within the bounds of our Synod an encouraging growth both of an extensive and an intensive character.

New congregations were organized; missions have become self-supporting; new houses of worship have been built and old churches remodeled and improved and debts paid off, whilst there is also a gradual increase, though slow it may be, in the membership of the Church. So on the other hand, there is a noticeable growth in Churchliness, a more general attendance upon the services of the sanctuary: a faithful catechization and induction of the youth into the Church; an increase in the benevolent contributions of our people and a growing missionary spirit; whilst the Sunday-school is becoming more and more efficient for the Christian training of our children.

The yawning gap between the roll of our membership, and the list of communicants is gradually filling up, whilst this holy sacrament is coming to be ever more fully appreciated as the innermost sanctuary of our whole Christian worship.

So it is also a matter of great encouragement to notice that while one after another of the watchmen of Zion are called to their reward, there is a marked increase in the number of those in course of preparation for the holy office, so that there never was a time in the history of our Church, when so many young men dedicated themselves to the work of the ministry, as at the present time; but it is to be regretted that their numbers are not much greater still. For the supply is to-day as far from equal to the demand as it perhaps ever was at any time in our history. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He may send laborers into His harvest."

Much as has been done in every department of Church-work, yet there remains much more to be accomplished, if we are to prove in

a small degree, equal to the solemn trust which the Great Head of the Church has committed to our hands.

Our institutions of learning have accomplished great things for us; but if they are ever to reach the end for which they were established, they must be endowed and equipped so that they may stand abreast with other institutions of their kind in the land.

And if we are to have our share in the evangelization of the world, we must lay hold more and more on the life of the nation to which we belong; yea, we must cross the seas and carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. It will not do to plead inability and poverty as an excuse for not doing our full share in this great and glorious work. Christ our Head "had not where to lay His head," and the disciples were poor fishermen. Yet the commission is: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

We have plead and preached poverty too long by far, and it is high time that we preach from the house-tops a truer and a more cheering gospel. It is true that the masses of our membership are not found in the money centres of the land, where large fortunes are sometimes speedily amassed; but it is also true, that they possess many hundreds of thousands of the broad acres of our land, on the fruits of which every enterprise of our people must depend for their success. Whilst we may have but few who have amassed large fortunes, we have many thousands who together are abundantly able to double our treasures in a single day. It is our exalted privilege, and no less our bounden duty, to utilize this great power, which has lain dormant so much too long; and it will be conducive to our soul's health, as individuals, no less than to the efficiency of the Church as a body, to fulfill the mission for which the Great Head of the Church has given us a place among the churches of the land.

The barrier of language must also be noted as a formidable hindrance to our efficiency to perform our solemn duty towards the many thousands of our brethren of so many different nationalities, who flock to our shores, and so loudly call upon us to minister to their spiritual wants. And who that has had any considerable experience in the work of the ministry among us, has not learned that much, very much of our want of better success in the indoctrina-

tion of the young, and enlisting them in the active duties of the Christian life and the work of the Church, lies in the fact that so many speak a language which is not written, and read a language in the schools which they do not speak.

Yet, when we remember what God has accomplished by us hitherto, in the face of all the obstacles which have confronted us at every step, and when we keep in full view how, at the first planting of the Church, the Holy Ghost empowered the apostles to "speak with other tongues," and opened the hearts of those who would believe, so that the "dwellers at Jerusalem, from every nation under heaven, heard in their own tongues the wonderful works of God," and that on that day three thousand souls were added unto the Church, we may be well assured, that, by the same Spirit we may, by faith in our blessed God and Saviour, be enabled to overcome every hindrance which may beset our way in the accomplishment of the work, which the Great Head of the Church has committed to our hands.

With feelings of devout gratitude to our covenant-keeping God for the many favors and blessings with which He has hitherto so abundantly remembered us, let us, with a firm trust in the promises of our blessed Master, take fresh courage, and, by the help of God, redouble our diligence in His blessed service, until He shall say: "It is enough."

And, now, unto Him who has redeemed us and washed us in His own blood, and has made us to be office-bearers in the house of God—to Him be glory in the Church, forever and ever. Amen.

Respectfully submitted, A. B. KOPLIN, *Chairman.*
(For Statistical Tables, see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I. Reports of the Boards of Trustees and Visitors.

(a) Report of Board of Trustees.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN: I enclose the Annual Report of J. B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and beg leave further to say: That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary held two meetings

during the year—one on the 9th of May, at Lancaster, Pa., and the other on the 26th of September, at Harrisburg, Pa. At the former meeting the following members were present: Geo. W. Hensel, George Heilman, I. H. Keifer, A. G. Benninger, John B. Roth, Chas. Santee and John D. Skiles. An election for officers was held, when D. W. Gross was re-elected President, George W. Hensel Vice-President, John B. Roth Treasurer and George Z. Kunkel Secretary.

Executive Committee continued, viz: D. W. Gross, G. W. Hensel, G. Z. Kunkel, J. B. Roth and J. D. Skiles.

At the meeting on the 26th of September the following members were present: D. W. Gross, Geo. W. Hensel, J. B. Roth, Isaac H. Keifer, George Heilman, Israel Laucks, C. A. Schultz and Geo. Z. Kunkel.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Report. A committee was appointed to audit the same: Geo. W. Hensel, I. H. Keifer and C. A. Schultz.

The committee reported the account correct, with a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, September 26, 1889, of \$936.34.

The Auditing Committee also examined the investments of the Seminary, in the hands of the Treasurer, and found them all satisfactory.

On motion the following resolution was adopted by the Board:

"That the Seminary Board request the Synod to provide by apportionment on the Classes, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to pay salary of Teacher of Elocution for the coming year, and that the amount so apportioned be paid to the Treasurer of Synod, and through him to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary."

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. Z. KUNKEL,

Sec'y of Bd. of Trustees of Theol. Seminary

Harrisburg, Oct. 14, 1889.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1888.		DR.	
Sept.	18.	To balance due per report rendered.....	\$493 96
"	18.	To amount from Pittsburgh Synod: "Elocution".....	75 00
"	19.	To interest from T. Royer in full.....	1 67
"	22.	" " J. Heyser on account.....	75 00
"	25.	" " F. Schaum, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	25 47
Oct.	1.	" " Coen Mortgage, to July 9, 1888.....	21 00
"	1.	" " Routh Mortgage, to June 19, 1888....	42 00
"	1.	" " Simmons Mortgage, to Oct. 6, 1888..	105 00
"	8.	" " Bassler Mortgage, to Oct. 1, 1888....	30 00
"	8.	" " Fritz Mortgage, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	35 58
"	8.	" " S. M. Keen, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	75 00
"	5.	" " L. P. & C. Titus, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	9 00
"	10.	" " Kieffer Legacy.....	\$237 50
"	10.	" " Cook Legacy.....	80 00—267 50
"	16.	" " S. J. Johnston, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	30 00
"	30.	" " N. Groff, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	30 00
Nov.	2.	" " Ashford, to Nov. 1, 1888.....	10 50
"	2.	" " Killough, to Nov. 1, 1888.....	75 00
"	6.	" " Lysinger, to Nov. 15, 1888.....	30 00
"	6.	" " W. H. Riner, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	30 00
Dec.	1.	" " L. Strom, to Dec. 1, 1888.....	87 50
"	1.	" " Richardson, to Dec. 1, 1888.....	29 75
"	3.	" " Ashford, in full.....	3 50
"	18.	" " L. V. R. R. bonds, to Dec. 1, 1888..	150 00
"	31.	" " Fink Mortgage, to Jan. 1, 1889.....	8 75
"	31.	" " Mercersburg Classis, to Jan. 1, 1889	24 00
1889.			
Jan.	5.	" " Brubaker, to April 1, 1889.....	90 00
"	5.	" " Home Bonds, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	5 00
"	5.	" " Loan.....	5 67
"	7.	" " Routh Mortgage, to Dec. 19, 1888..	42 00
"	14.	" " Coen Mortgage, to Jan. 9, 1889.....	21 00
"	15.	" " J. B. Roth, to Jan. 1, 1889.....	135 00
"	16.	" " Loan.....	44
"	17.	" " Allemannia Fire Insurance Co.....	15 00
"	18.	" " Loan.....	20 00
"	26.	" " West Susquehanna Classis, on acc't.	5 17
"	30.	" " St. John's Ref. Cong., Shamokin, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	30 00
"	30.	" " P. M. Ermentrout, to April 1, 1888..	270 00
"	31.	" " John Becker, to Feb. 28, 1889.....	480 00
Feb.	7.	" " Steacy Mortgage, to date.....	81 88
"	9.	" " Allentown F. Col. b'ds, to Jan. 1, '89	50 00
"	9.	" " Lane & Co., to Feb. 1, 1889.....	79 10
"	11.	" " T. G. Apple, D.D., to Jan. 1, 1889..	18 00
"	19.	" " St. Stephen's Chapel, to Oct. 29, '88	42 00
Mar.	6.	" " Schroyer Mortgage, to Feb. 8, 1889..	105 00
"	11.	" " F. Schaum, to April 1, 1889.....	22 50
"	18.	" " East Penna. Classis, to Oct. 1, 1888.	15 00

Mar.	19.	To interest from	Geo. Carbaugh, to April 1, 1889.....	\$ 120 00
"	30.	"	Zahm. in full.....	275 00
April	1.	"	S. M. Keen, to April 1, 1889	75 00
"	1.	"	A. & J. Fritz, to April 1, 1889.....	52 50
"	1.	"	S. J. Johnston, to April 1, 1889.....	30 00
"	2.	"	A. Keen, to April 1, 1889.....	30 00
"	2.	"	Amos H. Christ, to April 1, 1889....	125 00
"	2.	"	N. Groff, to April 1, 1889.....	30 00
"	4.	"	J. G. Simmons, to April 6, 1889.....	105 00
"	6.	"	Home Bonds, to April 1, 1889.....	5 00
"	6.	"	L. P. & C. Titus, to April 1, 1889...	9 00
"	6.	"	W. H. Reiner, to April 1, 1889.....	30 00
"	8.	"	E. & J. F. Bassler, to April 1, 1889.	30 00
"	8.	"	Geo. W. Hensel, Treas. Com. of Syn.	49 20
"	13.	"	Jacob Heyser, on account.....	200 00
"	16.	"	Kepler, to April 1, 1889.....	42 30
"	20.	"	Job Robinson, to April 25, 1889.....	36 00
"	23.	"	M. A. Keefer & Co., April 21, 1889..	120 00
"	29.	"	Zion's Classis, to May 1, 1889.....	23 22
May	4.	"	Killough Mortgage, to May 1, 1889.	75 00
"	4.	"	Rev. L. K. Evans, to date.....	1 50
"	7.	"	L. P. & C. Titus, to date	1 31
"	8.	"	E. S. Stehman, to Feb. 3, 1889.....	30 00
"	9.	"	J. Heyser, on account.....	100 00
"	10.	"	Kieffer Legacy, to April 1, 1889.....	237 50
"	11.	"	Lysinger Mortgage, to May 15, 1889	30 00
"	15.	"	St. John's Ref. Cong., Shamokin, to April 1, 1889.....	30 00
"	15.	"	P. M. Ermentrout, to April 1, 1889.	270 00
June	4.	"	Wyoming Classis, to July 1, 1889...	15 00
"	7.	"	Strom Mortgage, to June 1, 1889....	87 50
"	7.	"	Richardson Mortgage, to June 1, '89	29 75
"	17.	"	Mrs. A. Eyerman, to June 13, 1890..	50 00
"	19.	"	L. V. R. R. bonds, to June 1, 1889..	150 00
"	28.	"	Ins. returned, less cos'ts.....	3 40
July	1.	"	J. Fink Mortgage, to July 1, 1889...	8 75
"	8.	"	J. Bausman, Trs. F. & M. Col., fence	14 00
"	8.	"	Thos. Routh Mort., to June 19, '89..	41 85
"	8.	"	Harrisburg Bridge Co., dividend.....	6 10
"	19.	"	Juniata Classis, to July 1, 1889.....	12 88
"	26.	"	J. B. Roth, to July 1, 1889.....	62 50
Aug.	15.	"	Coen Mortgage, to July 9, 1889.....	21 00
"	15.	"	Geo. W. Schroyer, to Aug. 8, 1889..	105 00
Sept.	2.	"	Henry Keen, to Oct. 1, 1889.....	30 00
"	3.	"	W. A. Cassana, to May 15, 1889.....	60 00
"	5.	"	John Becker, to Aug. 28, 1889.....	240 00
"	14.	"	div'nd 31, Allemannia Fire Ins. Co.	15 00
"	23.	"	Theo. Sem. Aid Fund, rec'd to date.	526 25

\$6,888 90

1888.				CR.
Nov.	2.	By amount paid	E. V. Gerhart, on account.....	\$200 00
"	2.	"	Thos. G. Apple, on account.....	200 00
"	2.	"	F. A. Gast, on account.....	200 00
"	30.	"	Humphreville bill.....	1 62
"	30.	"	E. V. Gerhart, to Jan. 1, 1889.....	175 00
"	30.	"	T. G. Apple, to Jan. 1, 1889.....	175 00
"	30.	"	F. A. Gast, to Jan. 1, 1889.....	175 00
1889.				
Jan.	4.	"	Jno. P. Schaum's bill.....	6 05
"	25.	"	A. T. Clay's bill.....	5 50
Feb.	1.	"	Jno. Arnold's bill.....	3 20
"	1.	"	Almanac, Seminary ad.....	12 50
"	1.	"	E. V. Gerhart, on account.....	200 00
"	1.	"	Thos. G. Apple, on account.....	200 00
"	1.	"	F. A. Gast, on account.....	200 00
Mar.	11.	"	E. V. Gerhart, to April 1, 1889.....	175 00
"	11.	"	Thos. G. Apple, to April 1, 1889.....	175 00
"	11.	"	F. A. Gast, to April 1, 1889.....	175 00
"	11.	"	janitor's services to Jan. 1, 1889.....	50 00
"	14.	By Ins. paid on	Kepner property.....	5 70
"	14.	By amount paid	Schaum & Sons' bill.....	12 35
"	15.	"	Treas. salary to April 1, 1889.....	100 00
"	29.	"	Inq. Printing Co. bill.....	22 67
"	29.	"	A. C. Herr's bill.....	29 42
April	13.	"	stamped wrappers and papers.....	2 10
"	16.	"	Inq. Printing Co. bill.....	16 50
"	16.	"	janitor's services to April 1, 1889.....	50 00
May	1.	"	E. V. Gerhart, salary account.....	200 00
"	1.	"	Thos. G. Apple, salary account.....	200 00
"	1.	"	F. A. Gast, salary account.....	200 00
"	11.	"	John Ruck bill, fence-making.....	54 25
"	15.	"	Silas S. Neff, Elocution.....	250 00
"	21.	"	W. U. Hensel, prof. services.....	50 00
"	22.	"	B. B. Harkins' bill, lumber.....	116 68
"	24.	"	And. Kautz bill.....	1 87
June	3.	"	Thos. G. Apple, to July 1, 1889.....	175 00
"	7.	"	Penna. R. R. Co., freight.....	65
"	10.	"	Lancaster Examiner, diplomas.....	11 75
"	10.	"	E. V. Gerhart, to July 1, 1889.....	175 00
"	10.	"	F. A. Gast, to July 1, 1889.....	175 00
"	11.	"	Hensel's bill of pump.....	13 85
"	18.	"	Reilly Bros.' & Raub bill.....	23 11
"	24.	"	McKinstry's bill.....	3 00
July	3.	"	E. G. Smith, in full.....	100 00
"	3.	"	janitor's services to July 1, 1889.....	50 00
"	3.	"	C. Moser's bill.....	2 25
"	3.	"	C. B. Mervin's bill.....	10 95
"	8.	"	Marshall & Rengier.....	8 00
"	19.	"	E. V. Gerhart, on account.....	200 00
"	19.	"	T. G. Apple, on account.....	200 00
"	19.	"	F. A. Gast, on account.....	200 00

July	26.	By amount paid Jno. B. Roth, on account.....	\$ 100 00
Sept.	3.	" " B. B. Martin & Co., coal.....	63 75
"	5.	" " E. V. Gerhart, in full to Oct. 1, 1889	175 00
"	5.	" " T. G. Apple, in full to Oct. 1, 1889...	175 00
"	5.	" " F. A. Gast, in full to Oct. 1, 1889.....	175 00
"	5.	" " Int. on Klopp Legacy, to Oct. 1, 1889	40 00
"	7.	" " Spicer & Wetzel's bill.....	48 00
"	9.	" " janitor's services to Oct. 1, 1889.....	50 00
"	9.	" " Library Fund, Int. to Oct. 1, 1889...	79 19
"	16.	" " Geo. W. Hensel bill.....	11 08
"	16.	" " E. Bookmyer bill.....	1 00
"	20.	" " W. Wohlson bill.....	43 07
"	23.	" " Stoner, Shreiner & Co. bill.....	8 05
			\$5,952 56

Balance due Sept. 26, 1889..... 936 34

The collection of some arrearages of interest due Theological Seminary accounts for the balance in the hands of the Treasurer being larger than usual.

JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer, in account with Aid Fund of Theol. Seminary.

1888.	To amount received of	DR.
Sept.	18. Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. of E. Penna Classis...	\$51 00
Oct.	3. H. Wirt, Treas. Synod of Potomac.....	135 00
"	22. Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylk'l Classis	30 00
Nov.	9. Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, from friends of Seminary in Philadelphia Classis.....	\$10 00
"	14. Ditto.....	14 00
1889.		
Jan.	25. Ditto.....	12 00— 36 00
"	26. Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. of W. Susq. Classis...	18 40
"	26. A. Houtz, Treas. of Wyoming Classis.....	7 00
May	8. Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylk'l Classis	20 00
"	11. West Susq. Classis, W. A. Haas, Treas.....	6 00
"	20. Lancaster Classis, on account.....	22 35
"	23. Tohickon Classis, on account.....	5 00
June	4. Wyoming Classis.....	10 00
"	10. East Susq. Classis, salary account.....	31 00
"	10. " " relief account.....	11 00— 42 00
"	13. Lehigh Classis, salary account.....	28 00
July	5. Tohickon Classis, J. G. Gerhart, Treas.....	22 00
"	26. H. A. Forney, Treas. North Carolina Classis...	2 00
Sept.	4. Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis, for Elocution.....	16 00
"	Ditto, for Seminary Aid.....	28 00— 44 00
"	11. Jacob K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis, per Jno. J. Nissley, Treas. of Synod, Synodical Apportionment account.....	47 50
		\$526 25

See credit for same in current expense account
of Theol. Seminary, Sept. 23, 1889.

JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer.

Theological Seminary Library Account—JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer.

1888.			
Sept. 20.	For amount of Fund, as per report.....	\$1,819 96	
1888.		DR.	
Sept. 20.	For amount balance due	\$89 92	
1889.			
Sept. 9.	For amount interest received to date.....	79 19	
			\$169 11

1888.			CR.	
Sept. 25.	By amount paid Stoddart's bill.....	\$6 00		
Dec. 3.	" " Roy's bill.....	2 60		
1889.				
Jan. 19.	" " Dutton & Co.....	21 23		
April 16.	" " A. H. Wallis, agent.....	6 00		
May 23.	" " Stoddart's bill.....	6 00		
June 10.	" " Zahm & Co. bill.....	19 55		
" 28.	" " books and freight, F. A. G....	17 51		
July 19.	" " F. W. Christern's bill.....	2 80		
Sept. 24.	" " S. H. Zahm & Co. bill.....	22 50—104 19		

Sept. 26, 1889. Balance due Theol. Sem. Lib. to date \$64 92

1889.		<i>Building Fund Account.</i>	
Sept.	Principal of Fund is.....	\$12,883 05	
	Interest to date accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary.		

1889.		<i>Pittsburg Prof. Fund Account.</i>	
Sept.	Principal of Fund is.....	\$1,718 30	
	Interest on same accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary.		

1889.		<i>Smaltz Fund Account.</i>	
	Principal of Fund is.....	\$5,000 00	

1888.		DR.	
Nov. 3.	To interest received to Oct. 1, 1888.....	\$137 50	
1889.			
April 29.	" " " April 1, 1889.....	137 50	
			\$275 00

1888.		CR.	
Oct. 19.	By interest paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas.....	\$137 50	
1889.			
April 29.	" " " " "	137 50	
			\$275 00

1888.		<i>Endowment Fund Statement.</i>	
Sept. 20.	Amount of Fund reported to Board.....	\$76,554 76	
1889.			
Mar. 29.	Received of Executors of Rev. Geo. W. Glessner, deceased, in payment of Plainfield Bond.....	25 00	

April 8.	Geo. W. Hensel, Treas. of Com. of Synod, additional Prof. Fund.....	\$ 870 00
May 8.	S. G. Wagner, D.D., in payment of Rev. L. K. Evans' pledge.....	50 00
July 11.	S. G. Wagner, D.D., contribution from St. John's Ref'd Cong. of Lebanon.....	15 00
Sept. 12.	Increase of Fund by purchase of Kepner property.....	342 30
		\$77,857 06

Harrisburg, Sept. 26, 1889.

The undersigned Auditing Committee, having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared vouchers, find the same correct.

GEO. W. HENSEL.

J. H. KEEFER.

C. A. SHULTZ.

Statement of Funds in hands of Treasurer Sept. 26, 1889.

Endowment Fund.....	\$77,857 06
Building Fund.....	12,883 05
Library Fund.....	1,819 96
Smaltz Fund.....	5,000 00
Pittsburgh Prof. Fund.....	1,718 30
	\$99,278 37

(b) Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary. To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

RESPECTED BRETHREN: It is the privilege of the undersigned, through the good Providence of God, to present to your honorable body the following as the annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary:

At the opening of the Seminary, on Thursday, September 6, 1888, the following persons were admitted to the Junior Class: Herbert Christian Alleman, Thomas K. Cromer, Albert Suder Glessner, Francis Marion Line, William J. Muir, Edward C. Musselman, David Scheirer, Jr, Henry E. Snyder and George P. Stem. Of these, nine in all, six were graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, one of Pennsylvania College and one of Heidelberg College.

The Middle Class consisted of fifteen members. One of the sixteen reported last year, Mr. Charles F. Young, having accepted of the appointment to become a professor in the Wichita College in the State of Kansas, did not return to the Seminary.

The following persons, seventeen in number, members of the

Senior Class, having completed their studies, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were dismissed, and awarded the usual Testimonials at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last: William T. Auman, Calvin E. Bartholomew, John T. Balliet, Lloyd E. Coblenz, George C. Erb, A. Marion Kifer, Russel N. Koplin, Franklin E. Lauffer, George J. Lisberger, J. Harvey Mickley, Charles A. Santee, Oliver F. Schaeffer, Ambrose M. Schmidt, Sefellen E. Stofflet, James B. Stonesifer, George B. Walbert and Charles B. Weaver. Of these, eleven were graduates of Franklin and Marshall College and the rest had studied at other literary institutions, or had otherwise prepared themselves for a course of theological study. This is the largest class that has passed from the Seminary into the ministry since the founding of the Seminary at Carlisle, in 1825.

Thus, during the year, there were in all forty-one students connected with the Seminary; nine in the Junior, fifteen in the Middle and seventeen in the Senior Class, in all forty-one, the same as during the previous year.

The examinations of the students, written and oral, were satisfactory. According to the report of the Faculty, the moral and Christian conduct of the students was such as became candidates for the holy ministry; and so also as it regarded their industry and application to their studies, there was no occasion at any time for complaint.

Prof. Silas Neff during the year gave instructions in Elocution, each class having received twenty-five lessons or exercises. He occupies a prominent position in his profession, and his method of teaching is regarded by the Faculty as thorough and efficient. The Board recommends that his services be retained for another year, and requests that arrangements be made for the payment of his salary—\$250, by the three Synods, of which the Synod of the United States is expected to furnish \$100.

The Board congratulates the Synod in view of the prosperous condition of the Seminary during the past year, and its encouraging prospects for the future, for which the thanks of the Church are due to Him, from whom all progress in the work of our hands flows.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 15, 1889.

(C.) REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with CHAS. G. FISHER, Treasurer.

CR.

By balance in Treasury.....	\$247 42
By cash per Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis.....	495 00
“ per J. B. Roth, Treas. Theol. Sem., int. Klopp Legacy.....	40 00
“ “ “ “ Smaltz Fund.....	275 00
“ per J. J. Nissley, Treas. Syn. U. S., int. Gerhart Leg’y.....	6 00
“ dividends Harrisburg National Bank.....	22 50
“ interest from different loans.....	519 92
“ from Whitmarsh and North Wales Cong’s.....	52 00
“ from Christ Church, Phila.....	25 37
“ from church, Martinsburg, W. Va.....	25 00
“ from a friend.....	10 00
“ amount returned by Dr. J. A. W. Hetrick.....	1,023 14

Total.....\$2,741 35

DR.

To cash paid beneficiaries of East Penna. Classis.....	\$480 00
“ “ General Fund.....	970 00
“ Rev. Theo. Appel, D.D., salary as Secretary.....	20 00
“ expenses of Charter.....	16 00
“ “ to Lancaster.....	4 25
Balance in Treasury.....	1,251 10

\$2,741 35

This is to certify that the undersigned has examined the account of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, that he has compared it with accompanying vouchers, and that he has found it to be correct.

THEODORE APPEL.

(b) *Report of the Committee on Additional Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.*

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

Your Committee on the Endowment of the Theological Seminary would report as follows:

But few contributions in money were received during the past Synodical year, the sum total (including the \$100 received after our last report was closed) being only \$320.

The attention of the several Classes, however, is being gradually directed to the importance of the work which your Committee has in hand.

The Classis of East Susquehanna has instructed its officers to ex-

ecute a bond for \$2000, which shall be made available at such time when the Synod shall have sufficient funds and obligations on hand to justify the creation of the additional Professorship which is hereby contemplated.

The Classis of Tohickon has obligated itself in the amount of \$1000, to be raised by five annual assessments of \$200 each.

The Classis of Lehigh, through its pastors and elders, has promised your Committee to raise during the present Classical year, not by assessment, but rather by voluntary, individual effort, the sum of \$600.

A few other Classes have taken some action which has not yet reached a definite shape, but which, we trust, will mean something tangible in the near future.

These are only promises, it is true, but, with the honor of the church at stake, we are clearly warranted to indulge the sure hope that these promises will ere long materialize.

The slow work thus far is not very assuring, either to the church or to your Committee. The question is being seriously asked, Will the Synod ever be able to accomplish this work? To which the answer is unhesitatingly given—Never, unless the pastors themselves speedily awaken to the importance and necessity of the movement. Thus far your Committee has had very little encouragement from the ministry of this Synod. No hearty co-operation can be secured. Many are even free to confess that they see no pressing need for the additional professorship. Consequently there is but little or no enthusiasm among the people. When the confidence of the pastors is withheld no hearty response can be expected from the members. The ministry of this Synod have it in their power to help along or to retard this movement, as they will.

Under these circumstances another Committee might possibly give a fresh inspiration to the work, and labor with some degree of enthusiasm. Your present Committee cannot, and therefore most earnestly begs that it be dissolved, and that a new Committee be constituted by retaining such of the present members as may be willing to work in the face of discouragement, and the addition of a sufficient number of new members. Respectfully submitted,

S. G. WAGNER, *Chairman of Committee.*

(e) *Relation of Beneficiary Students to Synod's Board of Education.*

Report of Committee on the Relation of Beneficiary Students to the Synod's Board of Education, and to the several Classes, under whose care they prepare for the Gospel Ministry.

To properly understand the nature of the work entrusted to it, your Committee deems it necessary to call the attention of this body, 1st. To the resolution adopted by the Synod at Sunbury, A.D. 1887, which is as follows:

"Resolved, That this Synod directs all Classes not now operating through the parent Board, to place their Beneficiaries under its care, and that the apportionments made for their support shall pass through the hands of the Treasurer of said Board."

2d. To the action which the Synod at Norristown, A. D. 1888, deemed necessary in view of the above resolution:

"Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, with instructions to define, under the action of the Synod at Sunbury, Pa., the relation of Beneficiary students to the Synod's Board of Education on the one hand, and the Classes by which they are supported on the other, the said Committee to report at the next annual sessions of Synod "

Your Committee would base its definition of the action of the Sunbury Synod upon two propositions: 1st. Beneficiary students are presumed to be students for the Gospel Ministry, and the constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States (Part I, Chap. I. Art. 3) inferentially provides that all such students shall pursue their studies under the care of some Classis. 2d. Of Beneficiary students there are two classes: *a.* Those who receive their support from the Classis under whose care they stand. *b.* Those who are supported by Synod's Board of Education. Both classes seem required by the Constitution inferentially, and by a formal action of the Synod to place themselves under the care of the Classis within whose bounds they live.

It is the opinion of the Committee, therefore, that the Synod of Sunbury, Pa., simply meant to instruct each Classis to report through its Treasurer, to the Board of Education, the names of its Beneficiaries, together with the amount each one is to receive, and to disburse said moneys to said students, in each case, through the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Education. Such students, accord-

ingly would hold only a nominal relation to the Synod's Board of Education, inasmuch as the Board does not actually hold any authority over them and makes no provision for their support. They are amenable to the Classis under whose care they are. It should be borne in mind, however, that the Board of Education has some students under its care (class *b*) for whose support no provision is made by any Classis, and over whom Classis exercises only a moral or spiritual care. In view of this class, the action of the Sunbury Synod would seem to require that Classes, congregations and individual members should forward to the Treasurer of the Board such moneys as are not designated for any particular student, and thus relieve the Board from frequent embarrassment.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend, in the way of providing for the above contingency, that the Classes be requested annually to make liberal apportionments for Beneficiary Education, and that what may not be designated for their own students, be passed into the hands of the Board of Education for general use.

Furthermore it is the judgment of your Committee, that those students who receive their support from the Board, and those whose support comes through the Board from the Classis, should severally obligate themselves to the body whence their support comes, to refund the money under certain conditions, and that the money so refunded should become, in the one case, the property of the Board, and in the other case the property of the Classis, to be disposed of as each may elect.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. WAGNER.

N. Z. SNYDER.

J. A. LAUFFER.

II. Report on the Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, presented its report on Monday during the afternoon session. The report was taken up item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. It read as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary offers the following report: Synod referred to us the following documents: (*a*) The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and

the Treasurer's Report; (b) The Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; (c) The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education; (d) The Report of the Committee on Endowment and Additional Professorship in the Theological Seminary, and (e) the Report on the Relation of Beneficiary Students to Synod's Board of Education.

We call special attention to the following points in these reports for the consideration of the Synod:

1. In the Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, we learn that on September 26, 1889, there was a balance in the treasury of \$936.34.

2. In the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary we have the statement that there are \$99,278.37 in his hands, of which \$77,857.06 belong to the Endowment Fund; \$12,883.05 belong to the Seminary building; \$1819.96, to the Library Fund; \$5000, to the Smaltz Beneficiary Education Fund; \$1718.70, to the Pittsburgh Professor's Fund.

3. The Report of the Board of Visitors tells us that nine students were received to the Junior Class in September, 1888; that the middle class had fifteen during the year, and that seventeen were graduated from the Seminary in May last, which is the largest class that has gone out from the Seminary since it was founded in 1825. Of the number graduating, eleven were graduates of Franklin and Marshall College. During the year there were forty-one students connected with the Seminary. Instruction in Elocution was maintained as in the former year, and the Board recommends that it be continued during the present year, asking this Synod to provide \$100 towards the expenses.

4. From the Report of the Board of Beneficiary Education we gather that the receipts were \$2741.35; expenditures, \$1490.25, leaving a balance of \$1251.10 in the treasury.

5. In the Report of the Committee on the Increase of Endowment of the Theological Seminary, we learn that \$3920 is reported in the way of pledges and of cash; but the committee states that the work has its discouraging features.

6. Having considered the facts in these reports and various matters not stated in the above outline of topics, much of special interest might be written; but that you may have the principal points

before you for consideration and action, we offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That this Synod has heard with great satisfaction that there was a balance of \$936.34 in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the last Seminary year.

Resolved, 2 That the Synod acknowledges, with profound gratitude to Almighty God, the evidences of the divine favor upon the Seminary, the number of whose students is larger than ever before in its history, its professors faithful and even enthusiastic in their work, and its students, after a full three years' course of study, coming forth thoroughly equipped for the ministry.

Resolved, 3. That the ministers be again affectionately reminded that they ought diligently to seek out worthy young men to enter upon the ministry of the gospel.

By the Report of the Committee on the Fuller Endowment of the Seminary. your committee is reminded of the action of this Synod at Pottstown in 1884, when it was first appointed. It was then resolved to raise the sum of \$50,000, \$10,000 of which should be devoted to completing the endowment of the Chair of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology. This amount has been raised, and the endowment of the above chair completed; \$10,000 of the \$50,000 was to be raised as a fund the interest of which should be used to defray the annual incidental expenses of the Seminary, and \$30,000 for an additional professorship in the Seminary.

Since this action was taken at Pottstown \$30,000 has been raised for Franklin and Marshall College, the gathering of which, by a mutual understanding, kept in abeyance, to an extent, the work of the Seminary Endowment Committee of this Synod. But the way is now again more open to carry forward and complete this work; therefore,—

Resolved, 4. That the committee appointed at Pottstown to secure funds for the endowment of an additional professorship in the Seminary, of which the Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., is chairman, be continued with power as before to fill any vacancies, and that this Synod hereby pledges its confidence and support in this good work.

Resolved, 5. That Synod assumes the sum of \$100, to be appor-

tioned among the Classes, towards paying an elocutionist for the Seminary for the current year.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. H. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod.—Daniel W. Gross, Harrisburg, Pa.; George W. Hensel, Quarryville, Pa.; George Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa.; J. B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.; J. D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Charles Santee, Philadelphia, Pa.; George G. Heilman, Heilman Dale, Pa.; Aaron Renninger, Allentown, Pa.

Pittsburgh Synod.—W. J. Baer, Somerset, Pa.; P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.; John Troxell, Greensburg, Pa.; W. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.

Synod of Potomac.—Henry Wirt, Hanover, Pa.; Israel Laucks, York, Pa.; C. A. Schultz, York, Pa.; H. W. Shriver, Union Mills, Md.; Edgar Slagle, Hanover, Pa.; Isaac H. Keefer, Chambersburg, Pa.

Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod.—Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. E. E. Higbee, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; Rev. C. F. McCauley, D.D., Reading, Pa.; Rev. C. G. Fisher, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D.D., Easton, Pa.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Rev. Lucian Cort, Greensburg, Pa.; Rev. Albert E. Truxal, Manor Station, Pa.

Potomac Synod.—Rev. A. H. Kremer, D.D., Carlisle, Pa.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md.; Rev. J. C. Bowman, Hanover, Pa.; Rev. J. W. Santee, D.D., Cavetown, Md.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We herewith submit to your reverend body the report of the Superintendent and that of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

It is gratifying to see from these reports, that commendable progress has been made, during the past year in the work of Home Missions.

The Board mourns the loss, by death, of three active and efficient members, viz., Revs. George Wolff, D.D., W. H. H. Snyder and I. K. Loos, D.D., all of whom, at the time of their departure, were in connection with your reverend Synod.

Such matters as claim your special attention are set forth in the accompanying paper.

Praying that your deliberations may call forth a liberal response from the Church in behalf of Missions, we invoke upon you the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

Respectfully submitted, J. O. MILLER, *President*.
 York, Pa., October 1, 1889. ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

The following items claiming the attention of Synod are submitted by the Board:

I. The Board recommends the continuance of the Tri-Synodic Compact.

Action of the Board.

WHEREAS the General Synod, at its last session, instructed the several district Synods to carry forward the work of Home Missions by such methods as will open the way for the transfer of the said work to the supervision and management of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod at as early a day as possible; and—

WHEREAS, the district Synods constituting this Board have all taken action favorable to this movement of "unification; and—

WHEREAS, the next session of the General Synod will take place during the ensuing year, when further legislation on the subject may be taken; but—

WHEREAS, in our judgment, no such progress in unification has been made, as will warrant the present dissolution of the Tri-Synodic Compact, therefore be it—

Resolved, that the Board recommends to the Synods the continuance of the Tri-Synodic Compact for another term of four years, unless in the mean time the Synods order otherwise.

II. The Synods are requested to urge the Classes to take certain action.

Action of the Board.

Resolved, that the Synods are hereby requested to urge the Classes to take action on the following subjects:

- 1st. The establishment of additional Church-building Funds.
- 2d. The larger circulation of the *Missionary Herald* in the Sunday-schools and congregations.
- 3d. The introduction of a Mission-day in our Sunday-schools.
- 4th. The importance of bringing the Classical apportionments down to the individual members.

III. The Synods are requested to enlarge the Executive Council.

Action of the Board.

In order that there may be a more equal distribution of labor and responsibility, and in order that the Church may have the benefit of the helpful judgment of a larger number of the members of the Board,—

Resolved, that in case the Tri-Synodic Compact is continued, the Board hereby asks the three Synods so to modify the terms of the Compact that the Executive Council shall hereafter consist of six (6), instead of four (4) members.

IV. The Board unanimously nominated Rev. A. C. WHITMER for the office of Superintendent of Missions.

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS FOR
THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1889.

To the Reverend Synods of the United States, of Pittsburgh and of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Every fourth yearly report has special interest and value, because it marks the end of a four-year period for which the Board is organized and for which the Superintendent is elected. In presenting my fourth yearly report, the sixteenth in the series under the tri-synodic compact, I desire, first of all, to acknowledge the goodness of God in blessing the work committed to feeble hands; and next I desire to thank the Synods and the pastors, as well as the Board, for their confidence and co-working. The relation of the Superintendent to the Board and to the Church has been very pleasant; and the cheerful aid given by many thousands

is most gratefully recorded. Our work has gone forward during these four years without serious interruption, and is to day in good condition. For the most part, the men employed, the places selected and the self-helpfulness of the missions, merit the hearty confidence of the Church.

At the beginning of this missionary year, October 1st, 1888, we had on the roll fifty-three missions, to which seven have since been added, namely: Altoona, Pa., Baltimore, Md., Braddock, Pa., Burlington, N. C., Jaennette, Pa., Steelton, Pa., and Whitewater, Kan. Of these sixty missions please note: Three have become self supporting, namely, Lansdale, Pa., Latrobe, Pa., and Philadelphia, Pa. (the last by January 1st, 1890); and eight have for various reasons been dropped from the roll, namely, Harrisville, Va., Marietta, Pa., Mt. Jackson, Va., Napa City, Cal., San Francisco, Cal., Stockton, Cal., Topeka, Kan., and Whitewater, Kan. As the mission in New York is enrolled also by the German Board of the East, it is now dropped from our roll, and our supplemental appropriation will hereafter be paid directly into the treasury of that Board. These twelve missions are therefore in *italics*, and all the rest are the new roll for the year beginning October 1st, 1889.

NOTES ON THE MISSIONS.

Abilene, Kansas.—This mission, even amid hard times, has made progress. A Missionary and Literary Society and a Ladies' Missionary Society have been organized. Plans for next year include the organization of another congregation and the building of a church.

Altoona, Pa.—This promising off-shoot of the old congregation (itself a mission from 1863 to 1872) was organized in December, 1888. The Sunday-school was organized six months earlier. Rev. L. E. Coblenz took charge July 1st, 1889.

Baltimore, Md.—Rev. A. S. Weber took charge of Faith Mission October 1st, 1888. Good progress is seen in the additions and finances.

Baltimore, Md.—This mission in the northwestern part of the city began in a Sunday-school about two years ago, carried forward by Rev. E. R. Deatrick, of Woodberry, Md. About a year ago, with the aid of several other ministers, he secured a Sunday evening

service for the mission, and himself gave it a Thursday evening service. Rev. M. L. Firor and he secured a lot on which now stands a plain church. Rev. A. M. Schmidt took charge July 1st, 1889. The congregation (the tenth in Baltimore) was organized August 2d, 1889, with fine prospects.

Bangor, Pa.—Rev. S. A. Hitner took the mission June 1st, 1889, and reports the prospects encouraging.

Boulder, Iowa.—Rev. D. K. Fulcason took this field December 1st, 1888, and has been quite successful.

Braddock, Pa.—The mission is Braddock and Turtle Creek; but each congregation should have more service than now.

Burlington, N. C.—This mission is made up of a new congregation at Burlington, and part of the charge formerly served by Rev. G. W. Welker, D.D. Rev. Jesse Richards took charge April 1st, 1889.

Chambersburg, Pa.—Busy building a much-needed church. The mission has shown praiseworthy activity and self-denial, receiving but little help from abroad.

Clearville, Pa.—Vacant all the year. Supplied during the summer by a theological student.

Concord, N. C.—Small growth, but large giving. No prospect of early self-support, unless by reconstruction.

Du Bois, Pa.—Slow but steady improvement. A small debt which the mission cannot yet pay is a great hindrance.

Duncannon, Pa.—New hope and new activity have been awakened under the pastorate of Rev. J. D. Miller, who took charge in April last.

Dushore, Pa.—Vacant all the year with loss. A new pastor just called.

Easton, Pa.—A parsonage just finished is a long step towards self-support. Fair progress. A united and active people.

Freeland, Pa.—German and English. Finances better. Many hindrances, but good progress. Two missionary societies (adult and youth) organized.

Harrisville, Va.—Building a church in this weak mission was a great strain.

Husleton, Pa.—A church lot has been paid for, the mission raising \$1200. For a church they must now have aid from abroad. Very encouraging.

Imogene, Iowa.—Growth slow, and likely to continue so for some time.

Iola, Kansas.—Small membership and few additions; but with better times in view the prospects are brightening. Rev. J. R. Skinner, of Michigan, is about to take charge of the mission, Rev. Alt going to Michigan.

Jaennette, Pa.—This mission in a new but permanent town 27 miles east of Pittsburgh, was organized in April, 1889, and soon after was placed in charge of Rev. N. H. Skyles. Steps have been taken towards building a church and paying something for pastor's salary.

Johnstown, Pa.—The church at large knows the calamity which befell this mission. But much yet remains, both of membership and of hope, and the mission must be helped to a new church.

Kansas City, Mo.—Vacant from April 15th, 1888, to July 1st, 1889, when Rev. C. A. Santee took charge. It was supplied by Supt. Shuey, on alternate Sundays; but the long vacancy was a great loss. In April he organized a missionary society with 23 members.

Lancaster, Pa.—Steady progress. The great outlay for congregational use was owing to the enlargement of the church, which now is roomy and convenient.

Lansdale, Pa.—After receiving aid for only four years this mission declared itself self-supporting from May 1st, 1889—an example of self-helpfulness to all missions.

Latrobe, Pa.—Very unexpectedly this mission now declares itself self-supporting from October 1st, 1889. Pastor Hartzell has had charge of it for only four years, and has done a work deserving praise.

Leighton, Iowa.—Vacant from December 1st, 1888, to April 1st, 1889, when pastor Buser took charge. Prospects fair.

Lisbon, Iowa.—Rev. D. S. Fouse will leave October 1st, 1889, to become Superintendent of Missions under the Board of General Synod.

Liscomb, Iowa.—How 31 members pay \$320 to a pastor may puzzle many eastern people, but this is the record of this mission.

Lock Haven, Pa.—In May last this mission had great loss through the flood, but yet its prospects are good.

Maquoketa, Iowa.—Aid for this mission was discontinued a year ago; but later it was found best to enroll it again, with Rev. S. P. Harrington as missionary, from February, 1889. Many things are in the way of progress, but our experienced missionary is hopeful of success.

Murietta, Pa.—According to the action of the Board a year ago, this mission was dropped from the roll in March, 1889, at the end of Rev. S. F. Laury's pastorate.

McKeesport, Pa.—Since October 1st, 1889, this congregation stands alone, Turtle Creek having been detached, which accounts for change of figures.

Mt. Jackson, Va.—Vacant since January 1st, 1889.

Napa, Cal.—Owing to various causes but little progress has been made in ten years past. Hence the Board, after much patience and hope, has felt obliged to drop the mission from the roll.

New York, N. Y.—Under an oppressive debt. Belonging to the Eastern German Board, it will now come off our roll, and our aid will be paid into the treasury of that Board.

Philadelphia, Pa.—This mission, after passing through many changes and great labors during many years, declares itself self-supporting after January 1st, 1890. A fine location and a desirable church, but the Board did not expect self-support so soon.

Phoenixville, Pa.—Rev. J. R. Lewis had charge from November 1st, 1888, to June 15th, 1889.

Plymouth, Pa.—Progress in this mining town is slow, even under faithful work.

Reading, Pa.—This mission, organized March, 1884, has made rapid progress, and is very near self-support. Nothing hinders it but the enlargement of the church now in progress.

Salem, Oregon.—The organization of a German Methodist Church hinders the growth of this mission.

San Francisco, Cal.—Vacant since February 1st, 1887. The Board has agreed that the mission shall sell its property, pay its debts and dissolve the organization.

Scottdale, Pa.—Vacant from October 1st, 1888, to June 1st, 1889, when Rev. J. H. Mickley took charge.

Seattle, W. T.—Large additions give new hope; but for various reasons the appropriation cannot yet be reduced.

Sioux City, Iowa.—The larger of two congregations is fourteen miles from the city, requiring the missionary to preach three times and drive twenty-eight miles every other Sunday. A new church has been built in the city. Good prospects.

Stafford, Oregon.—The alms of this mission should be noted as a good sign; but growth in membership has been slow. Pastor Lange does much work also in neighboring fields that call for help.

Steellon, Pa.—Work was begun here anew by Rev. M. H. Sangree, January 1st, 1889, soon after which the congregation was reorganized. Prospects very good. About building a church.

Stockton, Cal.—Rev. J. B. Braun was directed to leave Albany, Oregon, and to take charge of Stockton, Cal., which he did, November, 1888. Prospects have long been poor; and as this (after dropping Napa City and San Francisco) is our only mission in California, the Board has felt obliged to close it after April 1st, 1890.

Timberville, Va.—Weak at best, a vacancy of nearly two years has been quite a loss. Rev. J. T. Balliet took charge June 1st, 1889.

Topeka, Kansas.—Owing to engagements elsewhere, but mainly for want of a preaching-place, Supt. Shuey had to discontinue services here; and as a missionary cannot now be sent, this mission has been given into the care of Kansas Classis and the Board of the Synod of the Interior.

Washington, D. C.—Vacant since May 1st, 1889. Supplied during the summer by a student. Prospects good. Rev. A. T. G. Apple, lately commissioned, will soon take charge.

West Union, Oregon.—Prospects brightening, but growth will be slow.

Whitewater, Kansas (twenty-two miles north of Wichita).—Supplied by Supt. Shuey, under whose care the congregation was organized and a church built. The Board agrees to have Cheney separated from Wichita and united with this mission, forming a new charge to be under the care of Prof. E. L. Kemp, of Wichita. As this charge asks no aid, Whitewater will now be dropped from the roll and referred to Wichita Classis.

Wichita, Kansas.—Hard times have greatly hindered the work; but yet much has been done in every way towards putting this mission on good financial, numerical and spiritual basis.

Wilkinsburg, Pa.—The large amount for congregational expenses was paid for improving the church; but its alms also are large. Better prospects than for a long time.

Williamsport, Pa.—Vacant from April 1st, 1889, to August 1st, 1889, when Rev. Lewis Robb took charge. In good condition and promising.

Wilton Junction, Iowa.—Vacant much of the year. Rev. G. C. Erb took charge June 1st, 1889. Not in good condition, but may recover.

Winchester, Va.—Vacant since April 1st, 1889, and all services suspended owing to various causes. The trustees have borrowed \$300, with which to repair the church, in hope of securing the \$4,000 claim from Congress.

Woodberry, Md.—Five years' faithful work have given us a good congregation, whose growth, alms and self-helpfulness must be noted.

York, Pa. Under Rev. I. N. Peightel, since Oct. 1st, 1889. Good progress, having more than doubled its membership, and good prospects.

REMARKS.

1. A study of the roll shows that the missions, in the main, are in good condition; and attention is called to the fact that nearly all the missions lately enrolled are in large and growing places.

2. Note their self-helpfulness. The 60 missions, with 5,560 communicants, paid for congregational expenses \$38,300, averaging about \$7.00 a member; and for benevolence nearly \$3,500, averaging over 60 cents a member. Of the latter amount, \$1,300 were for home missions, *i. e.* 23 cents a member. Whereas, the average in the Church at large for congregational expenses and missions is much less than this.

3. Some of the missions have been on the roll since 1874, many for about ten years, with very small reduction of appropriation. The experience of the Board shows that no system or rule of yearly reduction can be applied to all alike, because there are so many modifying circumstances; but, without a doubt, many missions are upon the roll too long. The Board a year ago directed the Superintendent to issue a circular to the missions, urging them to increase their subscriptions toward the support of their pastors, in order

that the appropriation of the Board might be decreased. An examination of the last five columns of the statistical table shows that in answer to this circular very few of the missions asked for less than they are now receiving; and in most cases a reduction would affect the missionary rather than the people, and so can hardly be made. Nowhere else in the report is reference made to the hardships and manifold self-denials patiently endured by many of our missionaries; but the Church should know that some of her most faithful servants are bearing great burdens. Will not thousands of our people show their appreciation of this by larger giving to this work? The salary of many missionaries is quite too small.

4. In the last column of statistics, where no appropriation is named, it is because the mission is either vacant or dropped.

5. The Board has pledged to the Board of General Synod \$350 toward the support of a missionary at Cleveland, Ohio, \$600 for one at Lincoln, Neb., and \$100 for one at Baker, Kans.

6. The Board has received nearly one hundred dollars from the Women's Missionary Society of General Synod toward the support of the missionary at Sioux City, Iowa.

REV. D. B. SHUEY'S WORK.

A year ago the Board directed him to give his whole time to general work, making the Synod of the Interior his field. The experience of the past year fully justifies this arrangement. Living at Emporia, he occupies the parsonage owned by the Board, and also has oversight of the Church property there.

During the year he preached every two weeks at Kansas City, Mo., until Rev. C. A. Santee took the mission. On this account, in part, he gave little time to Topeka. At Ellis, Kansas, a new town on the Union Pacific Railroad, he found twenty-two members; and at Wells, Kansas, he has a class of catechumens almost ready for confirmation, and preaches every six weeks in a school-house. Otis, Rush County, Kansas, is a mission under the care of the Board of the Synod of the Interior, with Rev. N. Joss as pastor. Here the planning and building of a parsonage took much of the Superintendent's time. So in planning and building the church at White-water, and preaching for that mission. In ten months past he traveled 17,000 miles, at a cost of \$106, paid by collections where he preached.

OUR CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

The Plan—Two years ago the Board, seeing the necessity of having money on hand for building mission churches, to be used as loans, adopted the following plan for holding and using such Church-building Funds:

1. Each Fund shall be at least \$500.
2. It shall bear a distinct name—that of the giver or any other name he may choose, approved by the Board of Missions.
3. It shall be under the care and control of this Board.
4. It shall be held as a distinct Fund; but interest paid on it from time to time shall be used as the Board may see fit.
5. It shall be used only for the building of churches in missions under this Board.
6. No Fund, and no part of any Fund, shall be a gift to the mission; but money shall always be loaned on first mortgage, payable within ten years, in such instalments and at such rate of interest as may be agreed upon by the Board and the mission.

Our Nine Funds.—On this plan the Board now holds the following-named Funds:

1) The First Special Church-building Fund. This was made up about three years ago of \$50 subscriptions from congregations, missionary societies and individuals.

2) The Virginia Classis Fund, given by that Classis in 1887.

3) The Emmanuel's Hanover Church-building Fund, No. 1, given by the Missionary Society of Hanover, Pa., in 1887.

(These three Funds were loaned to Sioux City, Iowa, Mission in 1888.)

4) The Charles Santee Fund, given by Elder Charles Santee, of Philadelphia in 1888, and the same year loaned to the Trustees of Maryland Classis for Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.

5) The Catharine Dietz Fund, given in 1888 by Elder Jacob Y. Dietz, of Philadelphia.

6) The Missionary Society Church-building Fund, made up in 1889 by sixty-five missionary societies. This \$1000 (all the other funds are \$500) came from the following Synods: United States, \$368; Pittsburgh, \$317; Potomac, \$280; Interior, \$20; Ohio, \$15.

7) The Emmanuel's Hanover Fund, No. 2, given by the Mis-

sionary Society of Hanover, Pa., in 1889. This has lately been loaned to the Trustees of Maryland Classis for the mission in North-western Baltimore.

8) The Malinda M. Acker Fund, given in 1889 by Mrs. M. M. Acker, of Uwchlan, Chester County, Pa.

9) The John and Hannah Brownback Fund, given in 1889 by Miss Mary M. Brownback, of Uwchlan, Chester County, Pa.

In addition to these completed Funds, the Women's Missionary Society of Philadelphia Classis has paid \$200.25 toward a Fund bearing its name. Our people are taking great interest in this important branch of the work, and the present term of the compact has no more marked feature than this activity.

We must have more of these Funds.—The Board has often been greatly embarrassed, and the missions have suffered loss, by the lack of money for building mission churches; and the Board has found that by having such money on hand to be used when most needed, both money and missions are saved. Hence, in addition to the small amounts that come in on the classical apportionments for church-building, which have always been too small for the growing work of the Board, we are now trying to secure these special Church-building Funds, so that missions may be promptly helped when they most need help, and the Church at large be saved from loss.

The plan on which these Funds are held and used, being both simple and safe, commends itself to the judgment of business men, and has their confidence; and we again call the attention of pastors and people to this important interest. Several more of our newly-enrolled missions must have timely help in building their churches; and what more beautiful monument is there than such a Fund,—a lasting memorial and an abiding source of good? While the Board makes grateful acknowledgment of what has already been done, we plead for the establishment of many more of these Church-building Funds.

EDITORIAL WORK.

The *Reformed Missionary Herald* has been published, as before, under the editorial control of the Executive Council. In a few months this paper will complete its ninth year. The circulation for

four years past has been only about 5000 copies a month,—far too small for the work it is intended to do. The circulation should be at least doubled, and during another year, by the help of pastors and others, we hope to do this. It will continue to be published as heretofore.

TRANSFER OF OUR PACIFIC COAST MISSIONS.

In 1887 the Board proposed a transfer of our Pacific Coast Missions to a German Board, on stated terms, and the Synods approved this action. The offer was then made, first to the Board of the Northwestern and the Central Synods, and later to the Board of the German Synod of the East; but both Boards reluctantly declined the offer on the terms stated, and our Board will now keep the Pacific Coast Missions under its own care.

OUR INCOME.

Reference to the Treasurer's Report shows that our income this year is \$17,995, only a little more than that of last year. Without a doubt it was considerably affected by the great floods of last May. The aim of the Board and the pride of the Church should be to have the work on a cash basis. As the new missions enrolled this year will cost much more than those dropped from the roll, the Board must, during the coming year, have still larger income. In brief, the work of 1890 will cost about \$4000 more than that of the past year. We trust that pastors and people will appreciate this fact.

THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR THE COMING YEAR.

For four years past the Board has asked from the Church the same amount, namely, \$22,000 for missions, and \$5000 for church-building; but this year we must ask for a larger sum. Our growing work demands more money. Never has the Board had a better roll, and never has the Church had so much interest in missions. For the work of the coming year, therefore, the Board, with faith in God and with confidence in our Reformed people, asks for \$24,000 for missions, and \$5000 for church-building, as follows:

For Missions: Synod of the United States, \$13,000; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$4500; Synod of the Potomac, \$6500.

For Church-building: Synod of the United States, \$2500; Synod of Pittsburgh, \$1000; Synod of the Potomac, \$1500.

IMPORTANT FIGURES.

The following statement should be carefully studied :

Cash on hand September 18th, 1888.....	\$1,581
Received during the missionary year.....	17,995
Paid out during the missionary year.....	17,767
Cash on hand September 21st, 1889.....	1,800
Due the missionaries to October 1, 1889.....	4,700
Money borrowed four and six years ago.....	2,000
Low estimated cost of the work next year.....	20,000

Adding the last three items and deducting the cash on hand shows the amount absolutely necessary for the work for the year beginning October 1st, 1889, namely, \$24,900.

A SIMPLE PLAN.

In view of the fact that so much money is needed for our prosperous work, a simple plan for raising a large sum was proposed and approved by the Board, namely, the Superintendent is authorized and directed to try to secure *one thousand ten-dollar subscriptions from individuals*, not to be credited on the apportionment, but as special offerings for the work. Surely this can be done in the eight hundred congregations of the three Synods. May God move pastors and people to prompt and faithful help in this new effort to put our finances in good condition.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

At the close of another term of the tri-synodic compact it is natural to look back over the way by which we have come. This tri-synodic plan grew out of the unfortunate divisions in the Church, owing to which the Board of General Synod found it impossible to carry forward the work, and so in 1873 transferred its missions to Boards of the District Synods. Three of these, the United States, the Pittsburgh and the Potomac, united in a Joint-Board, and now for four terms of four years each this Tri-synodic Board has successfully carried forward the missions under its care.

The four terms were 1874 to 1877; 1878 to 1881; 1882 to 1885; 1886 to 1889.

The Superintendents during these terms were: Rev. F. K. Levan; Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D.; Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D.; Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

The income of these four terms for missions and church-building (not including legacies) was: \$36,000; \$46,000; \$66,000; \$80,000.

The average number of missions for each term was: 37, 38, 59, 58.

Legacies.—During the last four years the Board has received the following legacies: John Lerch, of Bethlehem, Pa., \$2,375; Mrs. Anna K. Uhler, Manheim, Pa., \$950; Miss Nancy M. McClellan, Chambersburg, Pa., \$1,442; J. Welker, Montgomery Co., Pa., \$4,167; Mrs. Mary E. Zimmerman, Frederick Co., Md., \$95; Mrs. Susannah Johnston, Franklin Co., Pa., \$75; Solomon Bressler, Schuylkill Co., Pa., \$95; Nicholas Gruber, Martinsburg, Pa., \$1876.

THREE VACANT SEATS.

The Board deeply feels the solemn call of God that comes to us in the death of three of its members during the past year: Rev. George Wolf, D.D., Rev. W. H. H. Snyder and Rev. I. K. Loos, D.D., and we humbly pray for grace and guidance that we too may be faithful even unto death. A suitable minute has been entered upon the record of the Board.

FINIS.

Seeing, now, that our work is in good condition, that the present roll deserves the hearty confidence of the Church, and that the newly enrolled missions will add much to our outlay, we confidently look to the Church for a larger income; and while we thank God for the bright outlook, we also pray for His continued blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WHITMER,

Superintendent of Missions.

III. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The undersigned begs leave to lay before you his sixteenth annual report of the state of the finances during the year beginning September 19, 1888, and ending September 24, 1889.

Moneys were received and payments made for Home Missions, Church Building, &c., during the year, as follows, viz.:

		Alms of	Alms of	Total Al
Abile				
Alto	28	0	\$ 26.88	\$ 64.16
Baltin		0	44.00	44.00
Baltin				47.75
Bang		0	0	0
Boul	22	0	48.00	109.22
Brad	00	5.00	36.00	42.00
Burl	00	1.00	20.00	25.00
Chan				7.35
Clear	00	45.00	0	67.00
Conce		0	23.00	23.00
Du B	46	0	63.31	73.77
Dunc		0	45.00	45.00
Dush	00	0	0	5.00
East				
Free	00	0	62.00	87.00
Harr	00	50.00	24.00	92.00
Hazle				* 57.00
Imoge	00	15.00	65.00	83.00
Iola	100	0	56.00	68.00
Jaess		0	32.00	32.00
John		0	0	0
Kans	00	0	70.00	75.00
Lanc	00	6.00	3.00	13.00
Lanc				72.00
Latrol	50	0	92.00	29.50
Leigh	00	30.00	90.00	40.00
Lisbon	31	0	16.00	21.31
Lisco	00	37.00	100.65	161.65
Lock	100	41.71	22.69	79.40
Maqu	00	10.00	95.60	32.60
Marie		8.00	35.00	43.00
McKe				
Mt. J	00	0	30.00	34.00
Napa				
New I	00	0	31.30	34.00
Philad	00	6.00	13.00	25.00
Phoen	08	12.00	28.00	51.08
Plymo	57	5.00	21.00	35.67
Readin	00	18.00	25.00	53.00
Salern	00	90.00	179.00	322.00
Sas M	00	0	10.75	13.75
Scott				
Seattle		20.00	20.00	40.00
Sioux		43.30	12.00	55.30
Staffor		28.23	36.00	64.23
Steel	75	15.51	6.00	25.26
Steel		0	11.54	11.54
Steel	25	2.50	10.50	14.25



RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia.....	\$ 640 43	Classis of E. Susquehanna	\$ 582 04
" Tobickon	935 61	" W. Susquehanna	578 38
" Goshenhoppen...	1,359 47	" Lehigh	1,210 25
" E. Pennsylvania	599 00	" Wyoming.....	695 94
" Lebanon.....	824 21		
" Schuylkill	1,143 23	Total.....	\$9,279 00
" Lancaster.....	760 44		

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Maryland.....	\$1,222 84	Classis of North Carolina..	291 25
" Mercersburg.....	629 81	" Iowa.....	47 87
" Juniata.....	1,100 48	" Portland-Oregon	91 83
" Carlisle.....	246 36	" San Francisco...	26 00
" Zion's.....	280 04		
" Gettysburg.....	460 81	Total.....	\$1,751 43
" Virginia.....	353 64		

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Classis of Saint Paul.....	\$ 22 37	Treasurer of Synod.....	3,417 80
" Westmoreland...	37 77		
" Allegheny.....	5 00	Total.....	\$3,502 94
" Clarion.....	20 00		

Miscellaneous Sources.

Received interest on "Gerhart Legacy".....	\$ 12 00
" " Loans.....	117 10
" of Ida V. Missemmer.....	1 00
" Rents of Perkiomen Seminary.....	55 00
" of the Women's Missionary Society of General Synod..	105 00
" Legacy of Susan Johnston.....	75 00
" Solomon Bressler.....	95 00
Balance in the Treasury September 19, 1888.....	1,581 95

Total from miscellaneous sources.....\$ 2,042 80

Total from all sources.....\$19,576 17

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders of the Board paid by the Treasurer during the year....	\$15,384 62
Orders paid by the Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod.....	2,382 30
Balance in the Treasury September 24, 1889.....	1,809 25

Total.....\$19,576 17

Church Building Funds.

DR.

Balance in the Treasury September 19, 1888.....	\$683 88
Received for Sioux City, Iowa, Mission, from Somerset Classis.....	\$15 00

From Schuylkill Classis.....	\$ 10 00	
From Maryland Classis.....	43 40	
From Philadelphia Classis.....	16 00	
From Carlisle Classis.....	5 00	
From Lebanon Classis.....	1 25—	90 65
Received for Wichita, Kans., Mission, from Zion's Classis.....	5 00	
From Lebanon Classis.....	1 25—	6 25
Received for DuBois Mission from Schuylkill Classis..		5 00
Received from Zion's Classis for Hazleton Mission...	5 00	
For Newton N. C., Mission.....	5 00	
For Lock Haven Mission.....	5 00—	15 00
Received for Church building in Baltimore from Mercersburg Classis.....	60 00	
From Gettysburg Classis.....	10 00	
From Carlisle Classis.....	17 25	
From Zion's Classis.....	30 00—	117 25
Received per Jesse Bollinger, Treasurer of the Missionary Society of Emanuel Reformed Church of Hanover, Pa., (to be loaned to N. W. Baltimore Mission).....		500 00
Received per Rev. A. C. Whitmer, from Mary M. Brownback, to constitute a Church Building Fund to be known as "The John and Hannah Brownback Church-building Fund".....		500 00
Received per Rev. A. C. Whitmer, from Miss Malinda M. Acker, to constitute "The Malinda M. Acker Church-building Fund".....		500 00
Received per Rev. A. C. Whitmer, from the Women's Missionary Society of Philadelphia Classis towards constituting "The Women's Missionary Society, of Philadelphia Classis Church-building Fund".....		200 25
Received per Rev. A. C. Whitmer, contributions from sundry Missionary Societies, to constitute a "Missionary Church-building Fund".....		1,000 00
Received per John W. Bickel, attorney-at-law, the sum realized from the final disposition of the "Welker Legacy Mortgage".....		4,167 75
Received per Rev. F. A. Rupley, D. D., Treasurer of Juniata Classis, the legacy of the late Elder Nicholas Gruber (less expenses incurred).....		1,876 62
Received during the year for Church-building purposes in general, viz.:		
From Classis of Lancaster.....	134 59	
" " Philadelphia.....	10 00	
" " Goshenhoppen.....	28 00	
" " E. Pennsylvania.....	96 00	
" " Tohickon.....	128 07	
" " W. Susquehanna.....	161 48	
" " Schuylkill.....	158 35—	716 49
" " Mercersburg.....	68 00	
" " Gettysburg.....	68 00	

From Classis of Juniata.....	\$197 00	
“ “ Zion.....	53 75	
“ “ North Carolina.....	8 50	
“ “ Carlisle.....	104 37	
“ “ Maryland.....	28 00	
“ “ Virginia.....	10 00—	527 62
“ “ Somerset.....		50 00
“ “ Kansas.....		10 00
Received on account of a balance due the Board by the Synod of the United States on a certain Bond, viz.:		
From Classis of Goshenhoppen.....	22 00	
“ “ W. Susquehanna.....	11 91	
“ “ E. Pennsylvania.....	32 00	
“ “ Lancaster.....	13 35	
“ “ Schuylkill.....	10 00	
“ “ Tohickon.....	28 00	
“ “ Wyoming.....	13 00—	125 26
Received from Goshenhoppen Classis for the relief of the Bohemian Church.....		30 00
Total from all sources.....		\$11,122 02
Paid out during the year, viz.:		CR.
To Rev. D. B. Shuey, for painting parsonage at Em- poria, Kans.....	\$100 00	
Paid Rev. F. Fox, for the use of Martha Memorial Church of New York.....	60 00	
Paid Rev. George H. Johnston, D.D., for the use of the Church of the Strangers, pursuant to the di- rection of the Synod of the United States.....	579 50	
Paid Rev. F. Wetzel, contributions received for Sioux City Mission.....	89 40	
Paid Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Clas- sis, amount received from Mercersburg Classis for Church-building in Baltimore.....	60 00	
Loan to Mrs. Caroline Fremell, secured by a mort- gage on three houses in Harrisburg, Pa.....	2,200 00	
Loan to John R. Hamilton, secured by a judgment....	1,000 00	
Loan to Grace Reformed Church, Sioux City, Iowa, secured by a mortgage.....	2,000 00	
Loan to Mission in N. W. Baltimore.....	500 00	
Loan to Geo. Z. Kunkel, secured by ample collaterals, payable on demand.....	2,000 00	
Paid to Lock Haven Mission.....	5 00	
Paid to Hazleton Mission.....	5 00	
Paid to Wichita Mission.....	5 00	
Paid to Rev. A. M. Schmidt, for N. W. Baltimore Mission.....	30 00	
Paid to Dr. J. C. Clapp, for use of Newton, N. C., Mission.....	5 00	
Balance in the Treasury September 24, 1889.....	2,483 12	\$11,122 02
Respectfully submitted,	WM. H. SEIBERT, Treasurer.	

We, the undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States to audit the account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of said Board, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty enjoined upon us, and find the Treasurer's account correct (with two immaterial discrepancies), with balances in the several funds as stated therein, namely:

For Missions—General Fund.....	\$1,809 25
For Church Building	2,483 12

The Superintendent, Rev. Whitmer, stated that the securities named in the Report of the Church-Building Fund are all in his possession, excepting the mortgage for the \$500 loaned to the mission in N. W. Baltimore, which, he informs us, is in the Recorder's Office for record.

D. S. KELLER,	} <i>Auditing Committee.</i>
J. A. HOFFHEINS,	
LEWIS REITER.	

Lancaster, Pa., September 25, 1889.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

*To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States: Dear
Fathers and Brethren:*

God's gracious work of sowing and reaping continues in Japan. The growth of the work there has been simply marvellous. The summary of our own Mission for the past year shows a steady increase in the number of converts and in the offerings for benevolence.

The Board realizes the solemnity of the hour, and feels the need of entire consecration to the service of the Lord, if His work is to be done with credit to ourselves, with justice to the Japanese, and with the honor due His name.

Our Mission is no longer an experiment; it is a success. Our Missionaries occupy an important place in the missionary operations of Japan, and they enjoy the full confidence of the best people of Sendai. It is therefore of the highest importance that they should be sustained, not only by the prayers, but also by the contributions of our people. The extraordinary expenses incurred last (fiscal) year, in the erection of the Girls' School building, and two dwelling-houses on our property in Sendai, have been met, but these have depleted our treasury and for the first time in our history, we have been unable to transmit the amount due them for their salary.

This failure to meet our obligations makes apparent the necessity of taking immediate measures to replenish the treasury.

Since my last report to your Reverend body a number of changes have taken place in our foreign missionary work, which are set forth at length in the accompanying letter to the pastors and members of the Church. From it the Reverend Synod will gather the following facts which merit favorable action.

The Board is anxious to send a suitable *teacher* for the Training School, as soon as the contributions of the Church will warrant it. Men who have made the work of missions in Japan a careful study are agreed that the triumph of the Gospel there depends upon the preaching of the Gospel by the *native* converts.

It is plain, therefore, that the work of training young men for the ministry is by far the most fruitful and permanent method of doing missionary work in Japan. A good native minister can preach more eloquently and make more converts than almost any one of the foreign missionaries; he preaches in his mother tongue, understands his own people better, becomes more intimate with them, and has more influence over them. All this, however, presupposes the direct personal contact of the native evangelist with the foreign missionary. By training native young men, the missionary multiplies himself manifold.

He makes *convert-makers*; and if he makes twelve efficient convert-makers he does better than if he would make a hundred converts."

In view of these indisputable facts, the Church should promptly furnish the Five Thousand Dollars necessary for the New Training School Building. It is an urgent need that the erection of the Seminary building begin early in 1890, the time of the formal adoption of the new constitution of Japan. Upon the Church at home devolves the solemn responsibility to extend the usefulness of this very important department of Christian work. Let it be the subject of much fervent prayer and liberal giving.

Allow me to refer to the efforts that are being made to secure the money for the "Oshikawa Memorial Building." Rev. W. E. Hoy offers five prizes to the Sunday-School scholars raising the five highest sums of money, by soliciting contributions of five cents a person. The list of names and the money must be sent to Hon. R. F. Kel-

ker, Harrisburg, Pa., not later than January 1, 1890. A sketch of Rev. M. Oshikawa, the pioneer native missionary in the north of Japan, and at present on a visit to America, will soon be ready for sale and the profits thereof will be applied to the Seminary Fund. If our pastors and elders will give their friendly aid to these projects, the sum of *five thousand dollars* can be realized.

Providence permitting, the Board expects the Rev. M. Oshikawa to visit the several Synods at their annual meetings. He came to this country in March of the present year, to find the rest he so much needs and to enjoy the benefits of our richer experience in grace and truth. We bespeak for him a cordial welcome everywhere.

DEAR BRETHREN: Religion in Japan is the burning topic of the day. The people will have some kind of religion. There is no difference of opinion about the having or not having a religion. The question of present interest is, *What kind of religion shall it be?* Christianity, Buddhism and Scepticism are the three rival forces at work for the mastery. From the tidings that come to us from the missionaries on the field, we may infer that the contest will be a fierce but brief one. A few years will determine the issue. If Christianity fails to triumph in the conflict, the censure will rest upon us.

Experience has taught us that the membership of the Church do not ordinarily go beyond their pastors and elders in zeal and activity, in knowledge and liberality. Our people need more light on the subject of missions, and they look to us for it. In charges where the Church paper is not a regular visitor in every family, the pastor should tell the people of the work from the pulpit, and in his pastoral visitations, and thus awaken an interest in missions. Every pastor who is conversant with the progress of missions has the fuel in his hands wherewith to enkindle the fire of missions in the most indifferent hearts. He is the great medium through which the wants of the missionaries are to be made known, the mouth-piece for heathendom as it pleads with Christianity.

In order that we as a Church, may share in the joy of gathering the large harvest of souls for Christ in Japan, we must be up and doing. The missionaries ask for our prayers; they crave our sympathy; they need our help. The Board earnestly pleads for more money to prosecute the work.

Give us the means and we will cheer your heart with the glad tidings of the progress of the Gospel among a people who are not yet the people of God. God's word cannot be broken. God's cause will prevail. The crowns of rejoicing will appear when they and we shall stand in the presence of the Eternal. God be with us until we meet, then, for His name's sake.

Yours in the Gospel,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

Pottsville, Pa., September 30, 1889.

STATISTICS OF OUR JAPAN MISSION, 1889.

	Organized Churches.	Churches Self-Supporting.	Preaching Stations.	Baptized Converts.	Membership.	Girls' Schools.	Scholars in same.	Sunday Schools.	Scholars in same.	Theological Schools.	Scholars in same.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Ministers.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.
Nihon Bashi	1			17	67		1	26				1				\$63 85
Oji				4	33		1	20								24 00
Iwatsuki	1			8	89		1	30					1			370 08
Matsubayashi and Noda					35		1	38								8 30
Bancho	1	1		65	189		1	85				1				196 30
	3	1		94	413		5	199				2	1	1		\$662 53
Sendai																
Fukushima																
Nakamura																
Hobara	4	1	6	136	625	1	47	9	391	1	15	2	6	2	2	1125 75
Shiroishi																
Tome																
Yamagata																
Tsurugaoka																
Iwanuma	1			5	99		1	70				Suppl'd				181 00
Ishinomaki	1	1		10	69		1	30				1				89 85
Furukawa	1	1			36		1	15				1				30 00
Hakodate	1	1	1	28	75		1	73				1				182 98
Mombetsu	1	1	1	20	121		1	45				1	1			1047 70
Mororan																
	9	3	10	199	1025	1	47	14	624	1	15	3	10	2	2	\$2557 28
Grand Total	12	4	10	283	1438	1	47	19	823	1	15	6	11	3	2	\$3219 81

V. REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions presented its report on Saturday. The report was taken up, item by item, and finally adopted.

The report is as follows, to wit:

The Standing Committee on Missions would report as follows:

I. Documents Referred to it.

The report of the Superintendent of Missions.

The report of the Board of Missions.

The Treasurer's report of the Board of Missions.

The copy of action of the Potomac Synod on Missions, relating to Tri-Synodic Board.

A statement from the clerk of said Synod that Rev. A. C. Whitmer has been re-elected superintendent.

A communication from the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.

A statement from the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod.

An item from the Minutes of Synod, relating to the Ursinus Union.

II. Home Missions.

From the report of the *Superintendent of Missions* we learn these facts:

That the work under the care of the Board has been fairly prosperous during the past year.

That the number of Missions is about the same as last year, and the income of the Board a little more.

That there are now *nine* church building funds, of \$500 each, several having been added since the last meeting of Synod.

That the Board authorized and directed the Superintendent of Missions to secure one thousand *ten dollar* subscriptions from individuals, not to be credited on apportionments, but to be considered as special offerings for the general work.

That for the proper carrying forward of the work of Missions during the coming year, the Board asks from the three Synods the sum of \$24,000, and requests this Synod to assume \$13,000 of this amount; and also for church building fund \$2,500.

And that three members of the Board, who were also members of this Synod, Rev. George Wolff, D.D., Rev. W. H. H. Snyder and Rev. I. K. Loos, D.D., have been called from us by the hand of death.

The Board of Missions calls attention to the following items, and recommends favorable action on them :

1) The continuance of the Tri-Synodic Compact for carrying forward the work of Missions for another term of four years.

2) Items relating to the general good of the cause, viz. :

The establishment of additional church building funds.

The larger circulation of the *Missionary Herald* in the Sunday schools and congregations.

The introduction of a Mission day in our Sunday-schools.

The importance of bringing home the classical apportionments to the individual members,

3) The Synods are asked to enlarge the Executive Council from four to six members.

4) The Board submits by nomination the name of Rev. A. C. Whitmer for re-election as Superintendent of Missions for another term.

From the *Report of the Treasurer* we learn that the total income of the Board, including balance in Treasury of \$1581.95.

Was during the past year.....	\$19,576 17
Total disbursements.....	17,766 92

Leaving a balance in Treasurer's hands of..... \$1,809 25

The *action of the Potomac Synod* makes known that said Synod has voted in favor of continuing the present Tri-Synodic Compact for another term of four years, unless the Synods interested in the meantime order otherwise.

Also that it has re-elected the Rev. A. C. Whitmer to the Superintendency of Missions.

In view of all the facts before us, and of the action of this Synod one year ago, at Norristown, on this general subject, your committee submits the following :

1. *Resolved*, That the manifest blessing of Almighty God upon the Missionary work of the Synod is hereby gratefully acknowledged, and we pray for a continuance of His favor.

2. *Resolved*, That we sympathize with the efforts made to unify our Home Mission-work under the Board of the General Synod ;

but in view of the fact, that the necessary agencies for carrying forward our operations successfully are not yet fully provided for, and in view also of possible legal complications that might arise, we prefer not to make an immediate transfer of our Missions, and therefore we hereby, resolve to continue the Tri-Synodic Compact for another term of four years, unless in the meantime the Synod order otherwise.

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of \$13,000 for Missions and \$2,500 for church building fund be assessed as follows :

CLASSES.	Missions.	Church Building.
East Pennsylvania.....	\$1340	\$250
Philadelphia.....	500	170
Lebanon	1755	330
Lancaster.....	835	160
East Susquehanna.....	825	150
West Susquehanna.....	825	150
Goshenhoppen.....	1240	230
Tohickon.....	1240	220
Lehigh	1860	360
Schuylkill.....	1755	330
Wyoming	825	150
Total.....	\$13,000	\$2500

4) *Resolved*, That the Committee on Nominations be instructed to put fourteen names in nomination for members of the Board of Missions for another term.

5) *Resolved*, That this Synod heartily endorses the plan of the Board to raise one thousand *ten dollar* contributions, in addition to the regular apportionments.

6) *Resolved*, That the Classes of this Synod be requested to take such action as will lead to the endowment of additional church building funds by the Missionary Societies and by individual members of the Churches.

7) *Resolved*, That the Classes be urged to take suitable action on the following items :

(a). The larger circulation of the *Missionary Herald* in the Sunday-schools and congregations.

(b). The adoption of specific days in our Sunday-schools for making offerings to the cause of Missions.

8) *Resolved*, That the Board of Home Missions be requested to enlarge the Executive Council from four to six members.

9) *Resolved*, That the Rev. A. C. Whitmer be, and hereby is, re elected Superintendent of Missions, according to the terms of Resolution relating to the Tri-Synodic Compact.

10) *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure that the Ursinus Union, in the interests of harmony and unification, discontinued its Missionary operations.

III. Foreign Missions.

The statement from the Board of Foreign Missions calls attention to the Training School at Sendai, Japan, and also to the fact that the expenses of the Board have unfortunately been larger of late than its income, and that it stands in pressing immediate need of funds to pay existing obligations—at least two thousand dollars being wanted at once. We therefore offer the following resolutions as the sense of this Synod in the case.

Resolved, That we rejoice and give unfeigned thanks to Almighty God, that He has opened the gates of Japan so wide for the entrance of the Gospel, and has so abundantly crowned our own work in bringing the blessings of Christianity to that people.

Resolved, That we approve of the effort of the Board to establish permanently a Theological Training School at Sendai, and are thankful for the results it has already accomplished.

Resolved, That we commend to the hearty support of our Classes, ministers and people, the aforesaid Theological Training School at Sendai; and also the claims of our Foreign Mission work generally; and especially ask immediate hearty efforts on the part of our congregations and members to relieve the Board from the threatened embarrassment, and to enable it to go forward vigorously with the work in hand.

Respectfully submitted,
F. K. LEVAN, *Chairman.*

The following persons have been elected as the members of the Eastern Synod, on the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions, for the term of four years :

Rev. Jno. A. Peters, D.D., Danville, Pa.; Saml. G. Wagner, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; Rev. C. S. Gerhard, Reading, Pa.; Rev. E. N. Kremer, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. Thos. J. Hacker, Shamokin, Pa.; Elder Wm. H. Seibert, Harrisburg, Pa.; and Elder Jno. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa.

Rev. A. Carl Whitmer, of Lancaster, Pa., has been elected by this Synod as Superintendent of the Board of Missions for the term of four years.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and also the Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod were received. Both Reports, save the item having reference to the filling of a vacancy in the Board, were referred to the Committee on Finance. The item pertaining to an election was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The following are the reports :

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Board of Trustees, which met in Reading on last Monday (October 14, 1889), instructed the President of the Board to communicate its different actions to your Reverend Body.

1st. The term of office of Rev. J. W. Steinmetz expires on December 31, 1889. The Board nominated Rev. Henry Mosser, of Reading, of the Classis of Schuylkill, and Rev. Sam. A. Leinbach, of Reading, of Lebanon Classis, as suitable candidates for election to fill said vacancy.

2. The Board calls the attention of Synod to the arrearages of the different Classes on the apportionments made by Synod, as the said arrearages are given in the Treasurer's report.

3. The Board requests Synod to instruct the pastors and the several treasurers of the different Classes to pay all moneys or ap-

portionments made by Synods to the Treasurer of Synod, with the single exception of the apportionments for Home Missions.

4. The Board borrowed Thirteen Hundred Dollars of J. J. Nissley on November 2, 1888, according to the instructions of Synod, to pay the balance of Synod's pledge to Wichita University. Of this amount only \$436.21 has been repaid to the Board, with accrued interest; there is now a balance of \$1028.20.

The unpaid pledges given by individuals and congregations and Classes amount to.....	\$408 70
Apportionments of Classes unpaid.....	873 90
	\$787 60
This leaves a deficit of.....	\$240 60

The Board recommends Synod to make a new apportionment on the several Classes, to cover said deficit. Likely \$400 will be needed to cancel the note, with the interest accruing thereon.

The Board of Trustees, as at present constituted, consists of the following persons:

Rev. Jno. W. Steinmetz, whose term expires January 1st, 1890.	
Elder Jno. J. Nissley, " " " " " 1891.	
Elder D. B. Mauger, " " " " " 1892.	
Rev. Geo. B. Reaser, " " " " " 1893.	
Hon. Geo. D. Stetzel, " " " " " 1894.	

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. STEINMETZ, *President.*

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1888.	Contingent Fund General Synod.	Dr.
Oct. 8.	To cash from John Meily, former Treasurer, balance..	\$222 00
Nov. 16.	" " Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis.....	100 00
" 21.	" " Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis....	21 00
1889.		
Jan. 19.	" " Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lancaster Classis.....	67 00
Apr. 16.	" " D. B. Mauger, Tr. Goshenhoppen Clas.	96 00
May 11.	" " Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. West Su-q. Clas.	45 10
" 20.	" " Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. Clas.	135 00
" 31.	" " Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis....	15 00
Apr. 16.	" " Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis.....	55 00
" 20.	" " J. K. Funck, Tr. Lebanon Classis.....	138 00
5		\$394 10

1889.		Cr.
Feb. 2.	By cash paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer, on account.....	\$300 00
July 8.	" " " " " "	400 00
Sep. 30.	" " " " " "	194 10
		\$894 10

1888.		Contingent Fund Account.	Dr.
Oct. 8.	To balance from John Meily, former Treasurer.....		\$133 04
Oct. 23.	To cash from Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis....		20 00
" 29.	" " " " " "		12 00
Nov. 21.	" " " " " "		6 00

1889.			
Jan. 29.	" " " " " "		4 00
May 10.	" " " " " "		12 00
" 24.	" " Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lancaster Classis.....		43 00
Aug. 9.	" " J. K. Funck, Tr. Lebanon Classis.....		90 00
" 10.	" " H. C. Hoover, Tr. Phila. Classis.....		42 00
" 12.	" " I. G. Gerhart, Tr. Tobickon Classis.....		62 00
" 13.	" " Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna. Clas..		75 00
" 14.	" " Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis.....		86 00
" 16.	" " Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis.....		20 00
Sep. 20.	" " Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. West Susq. Clas..		45 00
Oct. 10.	" " D. B. Mauger, Tr. Goshenhoppen Clas..		68 00
" 12.	" " Geo. Hill, Tr. East Susquehanna Clas..		54 00
			\$772 04

1888.		Cr.
Oct. 8.	By cash Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, traveling expenses.....	\$2 22
" 23.	" " Rev. S. R. Breidenbaugh, Synodical expenses	25 00

1889.			
Jan. 22.	" " Rev. J. P. Stein, clerk, on account expenses..		150 00
May 4.	" " " " balance expenses.....		36 85
Aug. 9.	" " Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, on acc. printing bill....		200 00
Sept. 8.	" " " " balance bill.....		108 55
Oct. 14.	By balance.....		249 42
			\$772 04

1889.		Seminary and Gerhart Fund.	Dr.
Mar. 28.	Cash from L. and A. Mountz. 6 mos. int. on part Keifer legacy.....		\$112 50
April 1.	Cash from J. J. Bishop, 6 mos. int., on part Keifer legacy.....		125 00
Sep. 12.	Cash from Harrisburg City Bonds, 12 mos. int., Gerhart legacy.....		18 00
Oct. 1.	Cash from L. and A. Mountz, 6 mos. int., on part Keifer legacy.....		112 50
Oct. 5.	Cash from J. J. Bishop, 6 mos. int., on part Keifer legacy.....		125 00
Oct. 7.	Cash from John W. Mish, Treasurer, 12 mos. int., on part Cook legacy		60 00
			\$553 00

		Cr.
1899.		
May 9.	By cash John B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, Lancaster, interest Keifer legacy.....	\$237 50
Sept. 12.	By cash R. F. Kelker, Treas. Foreign Missions, 12 mos. int., Gerhart legacy.....	6 00
Sept. 12.	By cash W. H. Seibert, Treas. Home Missions, 12 mos. int., Gerhart legacy.....	6 00
Sept. 12.	By cash Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, Treas. Board of Education, 12 mos. int., Gerhart legacy.....	6 00
Oct. 8.	By cash Jno. B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, 6 mos. int., Keifer legacy.....	237 50
Oct. 8.	By cash Jno. B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, 12 mos. int., Cook legacy.....	60 00
		\$553 00
1898. Bond due Board of Home Missions.		
		Dr.
Oct. 9.	To balance from former Treasurer.....	\$23 00
1899.		
Jan. 29.	To cash from Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis	5 00
May 14.	" " " " " " " " " "	4 00
" 31.	" " " " " " " " " "	4 00
Sept. 30.	" " " J. K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis.....	27 00
		\$63 00
1899.		
		Cr.
Sept. 3.	By cash paid Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer.....	\$36 00
" 30.	" " " " " " " " " "	27 00
		\$63 00
1898. Wichita University Fund		
		Dr.
Oct. 10.	Cash from Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis.....	\$22 00
" 29.	Cash from Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis...	23 00
Nov. 7.	" " Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis.....	83 00
" 12.	Cash from John J. Nissley. Loan.....	1,300 00
1899.		
Jan. 19.	Cash from Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susq. Clas..	30 82
" 29.	" " Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis...	5 00
Apr. 19.	" " D. B. Manger, Treas. Goshenhoppen Classis	80 00
May 11.	" " Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susq. Clas..	24 18
" " " " " " " " " "		
account pledge.....		26 01
" 24.	Cash from Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Clas..	5 00
" " " Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, W. Lanc. Classis		59 80
June 10.	" " Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis....	27 00
Sept. 3.	" " J. K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis.....	112 00
" 20.	" " Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susq. Clas..	9 00
Oct. 5.	" " Geo. Hill, Treas. East Susq. Classis.....	5 00
		\$1,811 81

1888.										Cr.
Oct. 10.	"	By cash paid Rev. D. B. Shuey, Pres. Board of Trus.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	\$22 00
Nov. 12.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	"	balance of pledge.....								1,358 60
" 27.	"	By cash paid John J. Nissley, on account of loan.....								41 40
1889.										
Feb. 4.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	130 82
Apr. 19.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	80 00
" 27.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	57 99
Sept. 3.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	112 00
Oct. 8.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	14 00
										<u>\$1,811 81</u>

1889.			Bohemian Church Aid.	Dr.
Jan. 29.	"	"	Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis.....	\$8 00
"	"	"	Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susq. Classis	10 05
"	"	"	I. G. Gerhart, Treas. Tohickon Classis.....	31 00
May 14.	"	"	Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis.....	4 00
"	15.	"	Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susq. Classis.	6 00
"	24.	"	Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis	44 00
"	"	"	Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lanc. Clas.	21 51
"	31.	"	Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis.....	8 50
Aug. 14.	"	"	Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuyl. Classis	34 00
Sept. 30.	"	"	J. K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis.....	32 00
Oct. 1.	"	"	Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susq. Classis	2 40
"	5.	"	Geo. Hill, Treas. East Susq. Classis.....	11 00
				\$212 46

1889.										Cr.
Jan. 29.	By cash paid C. G. Gross, Treas.	General	Synod	.....						\$41 05
Mar. 15.	" " " " " " " " " "			.....						6 00
" 24.	" " " " " " " " " "			.....						21 51
Aug. 16.	" " " " " " " " " "			.....						98 50
Sept. 30.	" " " " " " " " " "			.....						32 00
Oct. 8.	" " " " " " " " " "			.....						13 40
										<u>\$212 46</u>

1889.	Harbor Mission.	Dr.
May 15.	To cash from Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susq. Classis.....	\$15 00
Oct. 1.	To cash from Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susq. Classis.....	6 00
		\$21 00

1889.		Cr.
May 15.	By cash paid Chas. Santee, Treas. Board of Home Missions, General Synod.....	\$15 00
Oct. 8.	By cash paid Chas. Santee, Treas. Board of Home Missions, General Synod.....	6 00
		\$21 00

1889.		Teacher of Elocution.	Dr.
Oct.	5.	To cash from Geo. Hill, Treas. East Susq. Classis.....	\$12 00
1889.			Cr.
Oct.	8.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary.....	\$12 00
1889.		Seminary Aid Fund.	Dr.
Oct.	5.	To cash from Geo. Hill, Treas. East Susq. Classis.....	\$16 00
1889.			Cr.
Oct.	8.	By cash paid J. B. Roth, Treas. Theol. Seminary.....	\$16 00
		Respectfully submitted,	JNO. J. NISSLEY, <i>Treasurer.</i>

Reading, Pa., October 14, 1889.

We, the undersigned committee appointed to audit the foregoing account, report that we have examined the same, compared vouchers, and find it correct as stated.

JNO. W. STEINMETZ.
GEO. B. RESSER.

Report of Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted its Report. It was taken up item by item, and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Finance would offer the following report: The items referred to us were: 1. The Report of Synod's Treasurer. 2. The Report of Trustees of Synod. 3. A request from the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for \$100 towards the salary of the Teacher of Elocution.

The following arrearages were reported by the Treasurer of Synod:

CLASS.	District Synod Contingent Fund.	General Synod Contingent Fund.	Wichita Univer- sity.	Bohemian Church Fund.	Harbor Mission Fund.	Bond to Home Mission Board.	Teacher of Elo- cution.	Seminary Aid.
East Pennsylvania.			70 00		81 00			
Lebanon.....				18 00	108 00	9 00	5 50	
Philadelphia.....		59 00	40 00	18 00	35 00	14 00	8 00	
Lancaster.....			5 20	5 49	9 48	2 65	3 64	14 00
East Susquehanna.	44 00	64 50	50 00	9 50	13 00	15 00	6 00	
West Susquehanna.		18 90		1 55	12 50	3 09	9 50	18 00
Goshenhoppen.....							14 00	24 00
Tohickon.....			80 00					
Lehigh.....	80 00		125 00	50 00	122 00	36 00	51 00	36 00
Schuykill.....								
Wyoming.....	125 00							
	249 00	142 40	370 20	97 54	380 98	79 74	97 64	87 00

Your committee find that great difficulty and much confusion arises from the fact that moneys are frequently sent to the wrong Treasurers, and retained and accounted for by them. We would therefore recommend the following action :

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to instruct their respective Treasurers to pay the following apportionments to the Treasurer of Synod, viz. : Contingent Funds, Wichita University, Bohemian Church Aid, Harbor Missions and Bond to Home Mission Board ; and to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary the apportionments for Teacher of Elocution and Seminary aid ; and to the Treasurer of Home Missions the apportionments for Home Missions and Church Building Fund.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod and the Treasurers of the respective Boards be instructed that whenever money is sent to them which does not properly belong to them, that they return it with the request that it be forwarded to the person who is entitled to hold it and account for it.

Resolved, That whenever appointments be made for any other purpose, Synod also designate to what Treasurer the money is to be paid.

Resolved, That all Classes in arrearage on previous apportionments for Wichita University be earnestly requested to pay the same, and also the present apportionment at the earliest possible date.

Your committee recommend the following apportionment, made on the basis of communicant members :

CLASSES.	Contingent Fund of Synod.	Salary of Elocu- tionist.	Deficit on Synod's pledge to Wichita Univer- sity.
East Pennsylvania.....	\$72 00	\$12 00	\$48 00
Lebanon.....	79 00	14 00	56 00
Philadelphia	38 00	3 00	12 00
Lancaster.....	38 00	7 00	28 00
East Susquehanna.....	35 00	6 00	24 00
West Susquehanna.....	34 00	6 00	24 00
Goshenhoppen.....	54 00	9 00	36 00
Tohickon.....	59 00	10 00	40 00

Lehigh.....	\$80 00	\$14 00	\$56 00
Schuylkill.....	76 00	13 00	52 00
Wyoming.....	35 00	6 00	24 00

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BRIDENBAUGH, *Chairman.*

An order for \$20.00 on the Treasurer was granted in favor of Rev. E. A. Gernant, pastor of Zion's Reformed Church, Allentown, for expenses incurred during the sessions of Synod. An order for \$7.45 was granted in favor of the Committee on Conference in regard to our Publication interests.

Rev. Henry Mosser, of Reading, Pa., was elected to fill the vacancy occurring January 1, 1890, in the Board of Trustees of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The 1st, 2d and 3d items, under the head of Requests, and the items, under the head of Subjects referred, in the Report of the Minutes of Classes, were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Chas. F. McCauley, Geo. W. Snyder and Elder Jacob Rader, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to whom certain items from the minutes of the Classes of Philadelphia, Lebanon, Tohickon and East Pennsylvania were referred, beg leave to report as follows:

They have carefully considered the import of the action in each case. They are persuaded that the non-concurrence with Synod's request in the case of the Classes of Philadelphia and Lebanon arose from a misconception of the design of Synod. The action of Philadelphia Classis implies the belief that Synod wished to reach congregations immediately, instead of mediately and constitutionally, through the Classis. And the action of the Classis of Lebanon regards Synod as disposed to adopt a system of apportionment, which might be onerous, because of the inequality of its application—a disposition which was not entertained by Synod. In the light of all previous legislation by Synod, we feel assured that the request made of Philadelphia Classis, to report the charges which were unwilling to respond to Synod's apportionment, was

made simply for the purpose of enabling Synod to avoid any action which might result in the embarrassment to the Tri-Synodic Board—such as would arise from expecting money from apportionments made which could not be realized, because certain congregations, in the exercise of their legitimate liberty, preferred to disburse their benevolence through a Board organized and active in their midst at the time. The authoritative declaration under which said congregations were acting, made at the Synod held in Bellefonte in 1882, and its subsequent explanation by the Synod at Mifflinsburg in 1885, are in accord with the genius and spirit of the church, and were called forth by a diversity of sentiment honestly entertained by different portions of our church at the time. Your committee gratefully recognize that, under the special guidance of the Holy Spirit, an earnest desire has arisen amongst us for unity and peace, and would therefore suggest for Synod's adoption the following action :

1. *Resolved*, That those Classes, which declined complying with the requests of Synod touching apportionments for benevolent and educational purposes, be kindly and earnestly requested, for the glory of God and the honor of Synod, to reconsider their action.

2. *Resolved*, That all the Classes be requested to take such measures as may, in their judgment, tend to a more entire consecration of both pastors and people, in person and property, to the cause of Christ, and thus secure not only the apportionments, but gifts *largely* beyond these, so that all men may see that we are in full sympathy with the Master, who said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. McCAULEY, *Chairman*.

The 6th item in the Report on Overtures was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of John W. Bickel, Esq., Elders Geo. W. Hensel and R. H. Kramm, who presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Reverend, the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

Your committee, to whom was referred the Memorial from St. Paul's Reformed Congregation, of Bethlehem, Pa. (Item No. 6, of the report of the Committee on Overtures), respectfully reports :

That they had before them two papers, viz.: (a) the said

Memorial of the Consistory of said St. Paul's congregation, (b) the minutes of East Pennsylvania Classis.

That they find from an examination of the said Memorial that the said petitioners have wholly misapprehended the action of Synod at Norristown, relative to its suggestions and recommendations, looking toward the settlement of the difficulties existing in the Church at Bethlehem, in this, that the action of Synod was only advisory in the interest of peace and harmony, and not mandatory, as the Synod had not the power to compel the payment of the moneys and the division of the property as suggested.

Your committee also find that the Memorial contains accusations against East Pennsylvania Classis, but they find, from the minutes of Classis, that the Classis did all it could in the premises toward having the recommendations of Synod approved by Christ Church without success.

They would, therefore, recommend that said memorial be returned to said petitioners, and their attention be respectfully called to the fact that a Memorial to Synod ought not to include an accusation against an Ecclesiastical body, but must be in the form of a petition to Synod, either as a Memorial in due form, or in the shape of specific charges against East Pennsylvania Classis, if they have any such to present, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to return said Memorial with this information.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. BICKEL, *Chairman.*

The request of Lehigh Classis, in the Report of Minutes of Classes, asking Synod to continue the publication of the German Minutes of its proceedings, was duly considered, whereupon the resolution was adopted, that Synod does not see its way clear to comply with this request.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

No special action was taken on this subject. Sunday-school addresses were delivered on Sunday afternoon, as reported by the Committee on Religious Services.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLICATION BOARD OF REFORMED CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES.

To the Synods of Pittsburgh, Potomac and United States :

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church of the United States respectfully submits to the Synods named this its annual report :

During the year just ended one meeting was called, namely, the regular annual meeting for September 4th, 1889. In the absence of a quorum, the Executive Committee, a majority being present, authorized the officers of the Board to prepare and issue the Annual Report.

The various publications, under the existing compact with the Rev. Charles G. Fisher, have maintained their circulation and seem to meet with approval. The chief organ, the *Reformed Church Messenger*, is not losing anything either in circulation or popularity, and the indications point to a larger increase. The members of the Board are therefore united in their recommendation to Synods to preserve the present arrangements for its editing and general management.

The books of the publisher and lessee were duly examined and audited, and the receipts being within \$40,000 for the first year, the treasurer received the quarterly instalments of \$300, as guaranteed under the compact.

The report of the Treasurer is as follows :

Dr.

April 25th, 1888.	To cash received from Rev. Charles G. Fisher,	\$300.00
Aug. 10th, 1888.	" " " "	300.00
Dec. 14th, 1888.	" " " "	300.00
Feb. 6th, 1889.	" (4 months) " "	400.00
May 20th, 1889.	" (2 months) " "	200.00
Aug. 23d, 1889.	" (3 months) " "	300.00
Interest received to Feb. 6th, 1889.....		16.86
Total.....		\$1816.86

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Feb. 6th, 1889. By cash to Rev. Schick, expenses.....	\$27.50
May 20th, 1889. By cash to G. S. Griffith, expenses.....	7.80
	\$34.80
Balance on hand.....	\$1782.06

The treasurer also reports that the interest is added to the principal at the end of each year, and is subject to like interest with the principal.

In this connection the Board would direct the attention of the Synods to the importance and value of joining heartily in the efforts of the Publishing House to increase the circulation of the several periodicals and otherwise to support the establishment, as the direct money return to the Church will increase with its extension and prosperity.

The terms of Mr. Jas. T. Reber, of the United States Synod, and of Rev. J. M. Schick, of the Pittsburgh Synod, as members of the Board, will expire at the end of the present year. The Synods named will, therefore, at their coming sessions, fill the vacancies that will then occur.

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

Philadelphia, Sept. 5, 1889.

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE ON PUBLICATION INTERESTS.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The Committee of Conference appointed by the Synods of Pittsburgh, Potomac and the United States, to confer with reference to the sale and lease of the Publication interests of the three Synods by the Board to Rev. C. G. Fisher, met at 907 Arch St., Philadelphia, on Tuesday, December 4, 1888, at 11 o'clock, A.M. All the members were present.

On motion Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., was called to the chair, and Rev. A. J. Heller was elected secretary.

Statements were heard from the members of the different committees expressive of the sense of the several bodies represented by them in regard to the afore-mentioned sale and lease.

In order that the grounds and reasons for the said sale and lease

by the Board of Publication might be more fully known and understood, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That Mr. E. J. Durban, a member of said Board and resident of Philadelphia, be requested to meet with the Commission this afternoon.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Commission met as per adjournment, and, on motion, Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., and Elders J. W. Bickel and C. M. Boush were appointed a committee to draft a minute expressive of the judgment of the Commission as to the legality and finality of the sale and lease of the Publication interests by the Board of Publication.

Mr. Durban met with the Commission, and fully and freely stated the motives and principles which influenced the Board, and on the basis of which the sale and lease were made.

The sub-committee presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed by this Commission to draft a minute expressive of its sense as to the legality and finality of the sale and lease of the Publication interests of the Synods of the United States, Potomac and Pittsburgh, beg leave to report the following:

After a full and free interchange of views, careful inquiry and calculation, the Commission unanimously agree that the sale and lease were the best possible which were available at the time; that the said sale and lease were strictly in accordance with Resolutions 1 and 2, as adopted by the Pittsburgh Synod in 1887, and which sale and lease were approved by the Synods of the United States and Potomac in 1888. It is the firm judgment of the Commission that the transaction is legal and is now fully consummated and beyond recall. The Commission learned that the action taken by the several Synods and published to the Church was regarded by the Board of Publication as a sufficient invitation for proposals for the purchase and lease of the Publication interests, and that it had only the proposition of Rev. C. G. Fisher and the reference of the one made by Daniel Miller, Esq., by the Synods, before them.

Rev. C. G. Fisher, purchaser and lessee, was then invited to meet the Commission, with a view of conferring with him and ascertaining whether he would be willing to agree to more liberal terms than the contract provides for. To which he made answer

that the condition of the establishment and its business neither did nor does now warrant more liberal considerations on his part, and that he is ready and willing to surrender the whole contract and the property conveyed and let thereby at any time, if within three months from this date (December 4, 1888), the Publication Board or the Synods will pay or assure to him the full amount of his claim and interest in the whole concern.

The following resolution was then adopted :

Resolved, That this Commission is not authorized to accept his proposition, nor would it consider it wise and prudent to do so, even if authorized, and that in view of the fact that the Publications remain the property of the three Synods, and that their income from the Publication interests, above the stipulated \$1200 per annum, is dependent upon the increase of the business, the ministers and membership of the three Synods interested be earnestly requested to extend to the establishment their cordial co-operation and liberal support.

S. G. WAGNER,	} <i>Synod of United States.</i>
T. O. STEM,	
JOHN W. BICKEL,	
A. J. HELLER,	} <i>Synod of Pittsburgh.</i>
C. M. BOUSH,	
C. R. DIEFFENBACHER,	
S. N. CALLENDER,	} <i>Synod of Potomac.</i>
J. O. MILLER,	
S. S. MILLER,	

REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL COMMISSION.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

Your Editorial Commission appointed by the Synod of Norristown, Pa., would beg leave to report :

That inasmuch as the Synod of Pittsburgh failed to appoint a similar Commission to act in conjunction with the Commissions appointed by this Synod and the Synod of the Potomac, it was felt by your Commission that, under the Tri-Synodic Compact, they had no power to act in the election of an editor-in-chief of the *Reformed Church Messenger*, and they do, therefore, refer the whole

matter back to this Synod to be disposed of as may be believed to be to the best interests of all parties concerned.

Respectfully submitted, S. G. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States in Annual Session at Allentown, Pa.:

As a member of the "Commission" chosen by Synod last year for the purpose of "electing an editor-in-chief of the *Reformed Church Messenger*," the subscriber begs leave respectfully to overture your reverend body either to continue the said "Commission" for another year or to elect a new one with powers to act in your behalf, for the following reasons, to wit:

1) Because the Pittsburgh Synod last year failed to appoint representatives, and hence your "Commission" has not been able to meet in accordance with the instructions given us by the Synod at Norristown.

2) The Pittsburgh Synod, at its recent session at Greensburg, Pa., has now appointed commissioners, and overtures this Synod to appoint a similar commission and thus unite with it in the election of an editor.

3) Because the "Agreement and Lease" entered into between the Publication Board and Rev. Charles G. Fisher specifically *requires* "that the editorship of the *Messenger* is to be filled by the Synods;" and, moreover, since the said "Agreement and Lease" has gone into effect, the office of editor-in-chief has not yet been filled in accordance with these terms of the contract.

4) Because, in the judgment of the undersigned, a strict adherence to this requirement of the said "Agreement and Lease" will secure from the Church an increased patronage to the *Messenger*, as well as to all the other publications that are issued by the "Reformed Publication House."

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETERS.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, to whom various papers and documents were referred, submitted the following report, which was adopted. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Publication beg leave to offer the following

report. The documents referred to us are the following, to wit: The report of the Board of Publication; The proceedings of the Committee of Conference with similar committees of the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, on the Publication interests; A communication from the Synod of Pittsburgh; A communication from the Synod of the Potomac; A communication from Rev. Dr. S. G. Wagner, chairman of the Editorial Commission, and lastly, a communication from Rev. Dr. John A. Peters, also a member of the Editorial Commission.

From the proceedings of the Committee of Conference we learn that the Commission unanimously agreed that the sale and lease of the Publication interests were the best possible, which were available at the time. It is the firm judgment of the Commission that the transaction is legal and is now fully consummated and beyond control. From the report of the Board of Publication we learn of the satisfactory condition and favorable outlook of our publication interests. The members of the Board, are, therefore, united in their recommendation to preserve the present arrangements for editing, and the general management of the *Messenger*.

The Chairman of the Editorial Commission reports, that inasmuch as the Synod of Pittsburgh failed to act in appointing a similar commission, nothing was done, and that the whole matter is in consequence referred back to this Synod to be disposed of as may be believed to be for the best interests of all parties concerned.

From the communication of the Synod of Pittsburgh, we learn that the Synod elected an Editorial Commission at its recent annual meeting, and requests the Synod of the Potomac and also this Synod to continue their Editorial Commissions.

It will be well for Synod to remember right here the conditions under which the Editorial Commission originated and its history up to this point. At the meeting of Synod in West Philadelphia, 1886, the Board of Publication, pressed by a heavy debt, asked for the privilege of having the *Messenger* edited in a manner that would be less expensive than was the case at that time, and overtured the Synod owning the establishment to allow the Board to arrange for the editorial conduct of the *Messenger*, as they did for the other periodicals which they published, the same to go into effect January 1, 1887.

Dr. P. S. Davis, then editor, in a letter implied that the state of his health might compel him to resign the editorship of the *Messenger*, and requested that the different Synods appoint a Commission to consider his resignation, should he offer it, and to make arrangements for the editing of the *Messenger* in case his resignation should be accepted. In view of these facts, an editorial commission was elected, consisting of Revs. Dr. D. Van Horne, Dr. B. Bausman, Dr. C. Z. Weiser and Elder Charles Santee and Jacob G. Brown. Nothing was however done during the following year by this Commission.

At the meeting of Synod at Sunbury in 1887, the Superintendent of the Publication establishment reported that it would seem that our publication interests had reached the point when something decisive must be done to save them from embarrassment and demoralization. He also says that things cannot go on in this way any longer. The Superintendent then offers to purchase and lease from the three Synods the publication interests. And, moreover, he says, that in order to be true to himself he makes this offer, not because he personally desires it, but chiefly to relieve the Synods of this whole business, a heavy debt it would seem, and so shape things that they may receive some benefit, in a pecuniary interest at least.

The Board of Publication in considering the matter say that they fully agree with the Superintendent that things cannot go on any longer as they have been, and then refer the whole question to the Synods for their consideration. Daniel Miller, of Reading, also made a proposition to the Synods, but, as already stated above, the offer made by the Rev. Charles G. Fisher was accepted as the best possible available at that time.

The matter of the editorship of the *Messenger* was at this time referred to a commission composed of representatives in the Board of Publication, Messrs. Hensel, Reber and Durban, together with Revs. Drs. Bausman and Thos. G. Apple.

At the Synod of Norristown last year Drs. B. Bausman and Thos. G. Apple as a sub-committee, reported that Rev. Chas. G. Fisher as Publisher was requested to act as Office Editor. Writers were engaged to furnish matter for the columns of the *Messenger*, and the editing has been done according to the general plan adopted by the

Editorial Commission. This sub-committee further says that this was the best arrangement that could be made, and that it was worth testing as a plan that might possibly be adopted more permanently by the Synods having the matter in charge.

And now as to the results. The Publisher says that the plan has worked successfully and satisfactorily to the readers of the paper and all concerned. The Standing Committee on Publication at the Synod of Norristown express the judgment that the Synod could not have come to any more satisfactory conclusion, and this judgment was adopted by Synod.

From this brief recital of facts, it would appear that although the Synod at West Philadelphia in 1886 first established the movement of having an Editorial Commission for the purpose of selecting an Editor-in-Chief of the *Messenger*, the best efforts of those giving their time and attention to the interests of the Synod and the Church at large as well, have resulted in bringing about the management of the *Messenger* as above indicated, instead of electing an Editor-in-Chief. The sub-committee, consisting of Drs. B. Bausman and Thos. G. Apple, in their report last year, intimate that possibly, after this plan had been tested for a while, it might be adopted more permanently. We now have the benefit of another year's trial, and at this stage of our history the Board of Publication unitedly recommend to the Synods to preserve the present arrangements for the editing and general management of the *Messenger*.

Instead of being told now, as formerly, of "embarrassment on account of large indebtedness," and consequently passing resolutions that "annual collections be lifted in all the churches for the benefit of the Board," we can report to Synod that the Board has an annual income of not less than \$1200, and that, withal, our various publications under the existing compact with the Rev. Chas. G. Fisher have maintained their circulation and seem to meet with general favor, and that the *Messenger* is not losing either in circulation or popularity, but that the indications point to a larger increase and usefulness. Under these circumstances Synod should act respectfully and cautiously.

Your Committee, after a careful consideration of the whole matter, have concluded to offer the following resolutions to Synod for adoption:

Resolved, That Synod recognizes with pleasure the satisfactory condition and the favorable outlook of our Publication interests.

Resolved, That it affords the Synod special pleasure to learn from the report of the Board of Publication that the chief organ, the *Reformed Church Messenger*, is not losing anything either in circulation or popularity, and that the indications point to a larger increase and usefulness.

Resolved, That in view of the foregoing facts, this Synod deems it inexpedient to further continue the Editorial Commission, and respectfully submits the above statement for the consideration of the Synod of Pittsburgh and the Synod of the Potomac.

Resolved, That the arrangement heretofore made with Rev. Chas. G. Fisher to act as Office Editor, be continued until further action of the three Synods.

Resolved, That this Synod overture the Synods of Pittsburgh and Potomac to discontinue the Editorial Commission, and place the arrangements for editing the *Messenger* in charge of the Board of Publication under the terms of contract with Rev. C. G. Fisher.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that the Publications remain the Property of the three Synods, the ministers and members of the Church, be earnestly requested to extend to the establishment their cordial co-operation and support.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to communicate this action to the Synods of Pittsburgh and of the Potomac.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GERHARD, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The following report was accepted:

The undersigned, as Stated Clerk of Synod, would respectfully report that he had published 3200 copies of the acts and proceedings of the last annual Sessions of Synod in the English language, and distributed the same among those entitled to receive them. The cost of publication was \$308.55 or at the rate of 9½ cents per copy.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

Instructions were given to the Stated Clerk to have 3300 copies of the Minutes of Synod published in the English language.

James T. Reber, of Reading, Pa., was elected a member of the Board of Publication. The following persons, belonging to this Synod, are members of the Board: Geo. W. Hensel, E. J. Durban and Jas. T. Reber.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Law and Custom of Filling Vacancies on various Church Boards.

The following report was received and adopted:

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: In response 'to the instruction, given a year ago by the Synod at Norristown, to ascertain the law and custom in the case of electing members to fill the vacancies in the various Boards, and other agencies of the Church, the undersigned would beg leave to submit the following report:—According to the Charter, the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States consists of five persons—two ministers and three laymen. One-fifth of the Board changes annually, and the term of office expires on the 1st day of January. The same person cannot be re-elected on said Board until he has ceased to be a member for at least one year. The Treasurer of Synod must be a member of this Board, and is to be elected as Treasurer of Synod annually. The election for the new member on the Board must be by ballot, and shall be held on a day different from the one on which Synod elects members to fill the various other Boards in the Church.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States according to the Charter, consists of eighteen members, all of whom must be laymen—whereof the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States may annually change one-third by a new election. The Board of Visitors of the same institution consists of twelve persons, of whom one-half may be changed annually by a new election. Since the formation of the Synods of Pittsburgh and the Potomac out of portions of territory originally belonging to the Mother Synod, the Synod of Pittsburgh has been represented by two members on the Board of Visitors and by four members on the

Board of Trustees while the Synod of the Potomac has been represented by four members on the Board of Visitors, and by six on the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

The Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College consists of thirty members, of which number two-thirds must be members of the Reformed Church. The Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States elects annually three members of the aforesaid Board, who hold their office for a term of ten years. No member of the Faculty can be elected as a member of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Publication, according to the Charter, consists of five members. One vacancy occurs annually, which shall be filled by an election held by Synod at its annual sessions held during that year from nominations made by the Board itself. The Trustee thus elected shall serve a term of five years. The Board shall not be precluded from including with its nominees the name of the individual whose term expires.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Concerning the Dismissal of Church Members.

The following report from a Special Committee appointed at the Synod of Norristown, Pa., was received and adopted. It is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee to whom was referred the inquiry "whether any pastor of the Reformed Church has a right to receive a member in good and regular standing in his own congregation, who having made application for his or her dismissal, and having been refused such paper by his pastor," respectfully offer the following:

Article 130, of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States says: "Members of the Church removing from the bounds of one congregation to those of another, shall obtain a certificate of membership and dismission, and connect themselves at the earliest opportunity with the congregation to whose bounds they have removed." *

* Norristown Min. Synod, 1888, page 80.

This language seems to make it the duty of members of the Church removing from the bounds of one congregation, to ask the proper authorities for a certificate of membership and dismission. If these refuse or neglect to issue such certificates to persons duly entitled to them, there is no reason why such persons should not be received, without certificates, by the congregation into whose bounds they have moved, provided, always, that the Consistory of the congregation are satisfied that such application has been made, and the person or persons are entitled to such certificates.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PANNEBECKER, *Chairman.*

J. B. HENRY.

JNO. J. NISSELY.

Columbia, Pa., Oct. 9, 1889.

The Changing of the Synodical Title.

The following report was submitted by a Special Committee appointed at the Synod of Norristown, Pa., which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of changing the Synodical title of this Synod, respectfully report:

That your committee met in the city of Reading on the 6th day of June, and have also had several meetings in Allentown since the meeting of Synod.

That upon examination of the Act of Incorporation, they find as follows, viz.:

1st. That by Act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, approved March 30, 1859 (see Pamphlet Laws, 1860, page 825), the Trustees of Synod were incorporated under the name of "Trustees of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States."

2d. That Section 2 of said Act protects this Synod against any misnomers in the instruments making grants, bequests, devises or gifts for the use of said corporation.

3d. That the Trustees, as a corporation, are empowered to make by-laws and ordinances.

4th. That the membership of the corporation is limited to five

persons elected for five years, and that Synod shall, annually, change one-fifth of said Board or Corporation in manner as the Synod shall see proper.

5th. That the Corporation shall have a President, a Vice-President (who shall be Secretary or Clerk) and a Treasurer.

These officers shall be elected by the trustees from their number, except the Treasurer, who shall, annually, be elected by the Synod from the members of the Corporation.

Your committee, therefore, find that the distinction beyond the Synod proper and the Corporation is, that the Synod is an association and the trustees are the Corporation; but, that under the said Act of Incorporation, the Synod elects the trustees, who thereby become members of the Corporation, and that the general financial business of Synod is committed to the care and trust of said Corporation by said Synod, but that the Corporation is subject to the special instructions of Synod in the management and disposal thereof.

Your committee also finds on examination of the laws governing the case, that any amendment to the charter, or change of name, must be made by the Corporation itself, and which afterwards must be sanctioned by the Courts.

We would, therefore, respectfully submit the following resolutions for adoption by Synod, viz.:

Resolved (1), That the name of this Synod be changed by the insertion of the word "Eastern" before the word Synod, so that the same shall hereafter be known as "The Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States."

Resolved (2), That the Trustees of this Synod be instructed to take necessary steps to amend their Act of Incorporation, so that the name of the Corporation may conform to that of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. KLOPP,
JOHN W. BICKEL,
H. MOSSER,

Allentown, Pa., October 17, 1889.

Committee.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Report of Bethany Orphans' Home.

The Report of Bethany Orphans' Home was presented to Synod through its Standing Committee on Overtures. The item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Henry Mosser, C. W. Levan and Philip Bausman.

The Report of the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home is as follows:

To the Synod of the United States:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Again it is our privilege to call your attention to that particular spot and work in the vineyard of the Lord, the care of which, under God, has been entrusted to our hands. It is not necessary at this time to enlarge upon the necessity or importance of systematic benevolence or of making permanent provision for the care of neglected and dependent children. The Father's tender solicitude for these is repeatedly expressed in His holy word, and is well known to every true under-shepherd. I will, therefore, briefly state the condition and needs of the particular work in which, under the blessing of God and your sufferance, we are permitted to labor.

Twenty-six years ago Bethany Orphans' Home was started. In all its history it has never cared for as many *church orphans*, at one time, as during the past year. God's gracious care has watched over us. We had no serious sickness in the orphan family, though the kind Heavenly Father saw fit to make us personally pass through the valley of deep affliction in calling home to Himself our only child.

The work of the Home has gone forward in its usual quiet way. We had our trials and our joys. The school session lasted ten months, the children attending, as a rule, three-fourths of the day, while the other fourth they were engaged in various kinds of practical industrial work. Our morning and evening family worship, catechetical instruction, Sunday-school and church services, were all regularly observed to our spiritual comfort and upbuilding. On Whit-Sunday nine of our orphan children—five girls and four boys—united with the church. The work in the house and on the

farm has gone forward in a satisfactory manner, and our acres yielded for the support of the family more in comparison than many neighboring ones, owing to the care and attention which is paid to the land which the church has purchased for our use.

We have at present 78 children—34 girls and 44 boys. Of this number 8 are from the bounds of the Potomac Synod, while the remainder are from the Synod of the United States.

We are now at the doors of winter; our financial condition is not as comfortable as it ought to be, for reasons stated below. We have a floating debt of about \$1700.00, and have not yet made full provision for winter. Several causes contribute to this state of affairs.

First. Our family is larger than it formerly was, while there is no perceptible or proportionate increase in the contributions. When we took charge of the Home, three and a half years ago, we had 60 children; now we constantly have from 75 to 80.

Second. Our anniversary this year, while numerically and socially a very pleasant and successful occasion, did not yield us that financial relief which we had fondly hoped it would. These anniversary occasions seem to have the nature of some good old apple-trees; they bear abundantly every other year. This was an off-year.

Third. The principal cause, however, is probably found in the fact that many of our congregations and individuals, instead of making their regular contributions to the support of the Home, in the fullness of their hearts, gave all they felt able to give to the worthy cause of relieving the afflicted victims of the Western floods, and in responding to the urgent call for the support of missions, thinking, no doubt, that since this Home is an old established institution, it was not in need of constant support. However, if this inference was drawn by any, it is a mistake. We have a farm, 65 acres, under cultivation, and an endowment fund of about \$3300.00. This is all that we have in the way of invested support. The bulk of our support for our large family must come directly from the hearts and pockets of the people *every year*. And, unless this is done, we cannot go forward in the good work on the same scale in which we have been working lately.

We should have no debt, and we ought to pay as we go.

It remains my pleasant duty to gratefully acknowledge the receipt during the past year, of the sum of \$2000.00 from Mr. Chas. W. Santee, of Philadelphia, which is added to the endowment fund in memory of his deceased son, Joseph H. Santee, and the further gift of \$1000 00 from Mr. Jacob Bausman, of Lancaster, Pa.

Commending this work anew to the prayers and liberality of yourselves and your people, and praying God that the Holy Spirit may direct us in all things, I am, Your Bro. in Christ,

THOS. M. YUNDT,

Sec. & Sup't. of Bethany Orphans' Home.

In behalf of the Board.

Womelsdorf, Pa., Oct. 3, 1889.

The Special Committee on Bethany Orphans' Home submitted the following report, which was adopted :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN :—Your committee would respectfully report that only one item was referred to them, viz., the report of the Superintendent of the Orphans' Home.

With special gratification do we refer to the growing confidence of our people in the institution. This is manifest in the fact that beyond the contributions for general support, two persons made handsome donations for endowment. Mr. Chas. Santee, of Philadelphia, gave \$2,000.00 and Mr. Jacob Bausman, of Lancaster, \$1,000 00. The endowment fund has now the creditable beginning of \$3,300.00.

There are 78 children in the Home. We are now doing the work first contemplated, inasmuch as the inmates are all church orphans. The increased number has brought increased responsibility. The physical, moral, educational, industrial and religious condition is, as far as we can learn, satisfactory.

We are sorry to learn that there is a deficiency of funds in meeting the current expenses to the amount of \$1,700.00. This is owing, it is confidently believed, to the charitable demands on our people by the many sufferers, occasioned by the great floods of last spring.

We also learn that the Superintendent's family, who so tenderly care for many church orphans, was lately bereft by death of their only child. In view of this event, we offer the following :

Resolved, That this Synod tender the Superintendent and wife our sincere sympathy in their bereavement, and prayerfully commend them to our Heavenly Father, who is gradually perfecting the ties of family life, though it be by painful disappointment and the visitation of death.

We also offer the following for adoption :

Resolved, That we express sincere gratitude to Almighty God for the degree of prosperity vouchsafed the Home during the past year, and that we invoke the continuation of the divine favor.

Resolved, That we record our sincere thanks to donors for generous gifts designated for endowment, as well as to all who supplied the general wants of the Home.

Resolved, That the attention of all pastors, congregations and Sunday-schools be specially called to the large deficiency in current funds and to the necessity of early liquidation of the debt; and that they be urgently requested during the coming Christmas festivities to remember the Cause of the Orphans by liberal collections and donations.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be hereby tendered the members of the Board for the patient and careful management of this charity.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MOSSER, *Chairman*.

The Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and their Widows.

In response to action taken a year ago by this Synod, a copy of which was transmitted by the Stated Clerk to the Secretary of the aforesaid society, the following communication was received :

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

DEAR BRETHREN : The officers of the Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows of Reformed Church in the United States in obedience to the request of the Society present, for record in the Minutes of the Synod, the following brief statement of the receipts and expenditures during the past year, viz :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per report Oct. 9, 1888.....	\$2270.96
Collections during the year.....	1604.26
Interest from invested fund.....	360.52
Bequest, donation, etc.....	4900.00
	\$9185.74

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to 29 annuitants.....	\$1610.00
Invested.....	5166.00
Miscellaneous items.....	106.06
Cash on hand Oct. 8, 1889.....	2253.68
	\$9135.74

The invested fund amounts to \$22,118.00.

During the past year twenty-nine annuitants have been on the roll of the society, of which number nine were disabled ministers and twenty widows of deceased ministers. In the coming year two widows more will be added to the list, making thirty-one annuitants.

Most of the cash on hand will be needed for the payment of the appropriations made by the society during the sessions of the Synod, and which will be paid to the annuitants on or before the close of the civil year.

Twelve life members have been made in the year now closed by the different Classes from the collections lifted in their churches. The past year has been the most prosperous year in the history of the society—the society receiving from the estate of Christian H. Wolff a bequest of \$2000 and from Elder Chas. Santee, of Philadelphia, Pa., a donation of \$2000, in memory of his deceased son, Joseph H. Santee. The future of the society is bright, with the promise of better and more liberal things for the disabled ministers and bereaved widows.

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

In connection with this subject the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we reiterate our former action, appointing the third Sunday in June as a day of special offerings in our churches for the benefit of this society.

Resolved, That we again most cordially commend the Society of Relief to the attention of our pastors and churches—that the Classes be requested whenever it can at all be done, to lay annual apportionments equivalent to at least two life memberships; and further, that our Classes be directed to request the pastors to present the claims of this society to their people both from the pulpit and privately in the course of their ministrations and to endeavor to secure as many and as large bequests as they possibly can.

The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

The 4th and 5th items in the Report on Overtures were submitted to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. Geo. H. Johnston, Dr. A. B. Koplin and F. C. Yost, and the Elders Wm. Moyer and Daniel Miller, who presented the following report, which was adopted. It reads as follows:

Your committee appointed to report a minute on the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip respectfully offer the following:

Several documents were referred to us, viz.:

a) A Manual of the Brotherhood, containing a constitution and various rules and by-laws.

b) A Pamphlet embodying the proceedings of the 1st Convention of the Brotherhood, held in the 2d Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., June 6 and 7, 1889, and

c) A Paper from the Executive Committee of the Brotherhood asking favorable recognition by this body.

Inasmuch as the history of this Brotherhood in its origin, object and work has been spread before the Church, it is not necessary to give any account of it here. It is enough to state that it proposes to organize the young men in the congregations of our Church into bands or brotherhoods, under the direction of the pastors, in order that they may labor more efficiently in behalf of the salvation of young men. By the rules of the organization the young men, identifying themselves with it, solemnly pledge themselves to pray for young men and to seek to bring those who are not Christians into the fold of Christ. In view of the above considerations, we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved 1, That this Synod is in hearty sympathy with the central object of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip in its purpose to work for the salvation of young men, doing its work under the supervision of the pastors and in harmony with the doctrines and customs of our Church.

Resolved 2, That the aims of the Brotherhood are worthy of the examination and study of our ministers and churches, and we hereby commend the Brotherhood to the favorable consideration of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

Allentown Female College.

During the Session, on Thursday afternoon, an invitation was received from Rev. Wm. M. Reily, Ph.D., President of Allentown Female College, to visit the aforesaid Institution. Synod accepted the invitation, took a recess of one hour and visited the College. The Synod was cordially received by the Teachers and pupils of the institution, and delightfully entertained during its brief visit. Later in its sessions Synod adopted the following action:

WHEREAS, Allentown Female College, the only Educational Institution in the Reformed Church, devoted exclusively to the education of Young Ladies, is located within the bounds of this Synod, therefore—

Resolved, That we do hereby express our pleasure and satisfaction in having been privileged by special invitation of Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Reily, the President of the College, to visit said institution, and that we do most cordially commend the College to the confidence and support of the Synod, as well as to the Church at large; and further, that we hereby request the different Classes to take such action as may seem to them most expedient, and as may be efficacious for its financial assistance and enlarged patronage.

The Educational Interests of the Church.

On Saturday, during the Afternoon Session, Dr. Philip Schaff, of Union Theological Seminary, New York, briefly addressed the Synod on "reminiscences" concerning his call to and acceptance of the Professorship of Church History in the Seminary at Mercersburg, forty-five years ago. He briefly reviewed with satisfaction the progress that since then has attended the Reformed Church, and its Educational Institutions, to which he feels himself still warmly attached. Additional addresses were made by Drs. Thos. G. Apple, Jno. S. Stahr, E. V. Gerhart, E. E. Higbee and Jos. H. Dubbs, concerning the position, the progress and the pressing needs of the College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. The need of a building for the Theological Seminary was strongly emphasized. Special buildings are also greatly needed for the departments of science and the *preservation of valuable libraries.*

The Subject of Pastoral Support.

The following preamble and resolution on this subject was adopted:

WHEREAS, the subject of Pastoral Support, throughout the bounds of Synod, is not properly understood, and in many instances pastors receive inadequate compensation, therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three Elders be appointed to prepare a brief paper calling attention to the peculiar expenses of Ministers, and to the injunction of the Saviour, that the laborer is worthy of his hire—and that this committee shall report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

The committee consists of Elders Jacob Rader, Jno. W. Bickel and Geo. W. Hensel.

Topics on Practical Church Work.

The following action was adopted:

On motion, it was resolved that a committee, consisting of Revs. Henry Mosser, Dr. Chas. F. McCauley and Dr. B. Bausman be appointed to select subjects and speakers on Practical Church Work, to be discussed at the evening session of the next annual Synod, and that persons chosen to present these subjects be notified at least one month prior to the meeting of Synod.

Action on the Publication of a New Hymn-Book.

In response to overtures, coming from several Classes which the Synod of Norristown referred to a special committee to propose a certain line of action. A report on this subject was presented, as published in the Minutes of the Synod of Norristown, on pages 84-86, but action thereon was deferred to the present sessions of Synod. The subject was taken up on Thursday afternoon, and freely discussed, after which Synod came to the decision that action on the report be indefinitely postponed.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee would report that the following items have been referred to them:

1. A communication from the Board of Trustees of Synod,

nominating Rev. Henry Mosser and Dr. S. A. Leinbach, one of whom is to be elected as Trustee of Synod.

2. The Report of the Board of Publication, stating that the term of Jas. T. Reber expires.

3. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, stating that the terms of Messrs. J. W. Wetzel, S. A. Butz and B. F. Shenk expire.

4. A communication from the Pittsburgh Synod, stating that it has nominated W. R. Barnhart, Esq., for Trustee of Theological Seminary, and Rev. Prof. Lucian Cort a member of the Board of Visitors of said Seminary.

5. A communication from Potomac Synod, nominating Messrs. H. Wirt, Israel Laucks, Chas. A. Schultz, Edgar Slagle, H. W. Shriver and Isaac H. Keefer for trustees of the Theological Seminary, and Rev. Dr. A. H. Kremer, Dr. E. R. Eschbach and J. C. Bowman, as members of the Board of Visitors.

6. An item from the Report of Committee on Missions, referring to the fact that the term of the members of the Board of Missions has expired.

Your committee would recommend the following for consideration, viz. :

1. That the names of Rev. H. Mosser and Rev. S. A. Leinbach be submitted to Synod, one of whom is to be elected as Trustee of Synod.

2. That Jas. T. Reber be re-elected as a member of the Board of Publication.

3. The following names are submitted for Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College. Messrs. J. W. Wetzel, S. A. Butz, B. F. Shenk, Wm. Keller, Jos. Obert, C. C. Leader—three of whom are to be elected for a term of ten years.

4. We recommend the election of the persons whose names were submitted by the Synods of Potomac and Pittsburgh as members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and do not recommend any change in this Synod's representation on these Boards.

5. We recommend that the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to append his report to this Synod in regard to the Law and Custom of electing members of the different Boards in the printed

Minutes, together with such a schedule of the various Boards as will show from year to year, whose term of office expires.

6. Your committee submits a double number of names, from which Synod is to elect a Board of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. J. HACKER, *Chairman.*

The committee was directed to have a sufficient number of tickets printed, and the election was made the order of the day at the Wednesday evening's session. The hour for the election having arrived, the President appointed Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh and Henry T. Spangler as tellers. The tickets were distributed, the roll called and the ballot taken. The results of the election were reported to the President, who announced the same to the Synod.

The members elected on the various Boards are noted in each case in their appropriate place. The vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College were filled by the re-election of Messrs. J. W. Wetzel, S. A. Butz and B. F. Shenk.

Catalogues were received from Ursinus College, Palatinate College, Allentown Female College and Franklin and Marshall College. Synod was pleased to learn of the success which has thus far attended these institutions, and commends them anew to the favorable consideration and patronage of the Church.

At the opening of the Sessions of Synod the President appointed Revs. B. B. Ferer, Thos. M. Yundt, D. W. Gerhard and W. F. More as reporters, who, from day to day, reported the proceedings of Synod to the secular papers.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That Synod hereby tenders its most hearty thanks to Zion's Reformed Congregation of Allentown, Pa., and to the Reformed people of other congregations, for the excellent accommodations and entertainment furnished the members and visitors.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be extended to the officers of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, the Lehigh Valley Railroad, the Central Railroad of New Jersey and the Stony Creek Railroad, for their courtesy in furnishing members and visitors with excursion rates.

The Synodical roll was called, finally, and no one was found absent without permission. The Minutes were then read, finally, and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the next annual sessions of Synod be held in the First Reformed Church, of Reading, Pa., on the 3d Wednesday (October 15th), A.D., 1890, at 7.30 P.M.

Synod finally adjourned by joining in the Confession of Faith, in the Lord's Prayer and in the singing of the Doxology. The Apostolic Benediction was pronounced by the President.

JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*. JNO. M. TITZEL, *President*.

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JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congr.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Resurers.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Rob'ts.	Stu. for M.	Contributions.		M. of Syn.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
																	Boney.	Cong. Purp.		
Cyrus J. Becker,	Howertown,	2	622	496	35	16	17	512	15	2	24	4	400	1	\$345 00	\$2025 00	6	Cataqua, Lehigh Co., Pa.	6	Cataqua, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle, D.D.	Farmersville,	3	620	400	43	21	4	530	9	2	15	7	360	3	129 00	1181 00	10	Bethlehem, Northampton do	10	Bethlehem, Northampton do
E. W. Reinecke, D.D.,	Plainfield,	3	830	475	57	30	6	650	4	28	5	2	160	6	212 00	1430 00	6	Nazareth, do do	6	Nazareth, do do
Robt. Lisberger,	St. Peter's,	2	154	50	22	1	116	2	2	24	2	200	1	64 00	900 00	10	Bath, do do	10	Bath, do do	
Martin A. Smith,	Dryland,	2	575	325	30	2	2	2	2	24	2	200	1	187 00	1000 00	6	Nazareth, do do	6	Nazareth, do do	
T. C. Porter, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. in Lafayette Col.																Easton, do do			Easton, do do
Charles Becker,	Without charge,																Albion, Lehigh do			Albion, Lehigh do
Horace Daniel,	Without charge,																Nazareth, Northampton do			Nazareth, Northampton do
W. D. C. Rodrock,	Engaged in Bible W'rk																Petersen, New Jersey do			Petersen, New Jersey do
T. O. Stem,	St. Mark's,	1	386	184	43	1	16	17	297	6	4	1	449		180 00	1650 00	10	Easton, Northampton do	10	Easton, Northampton do
Thomas A. Huber,	Towamensing,	3	438	208	44	54	6	350	4	10	8	300		126 00	955 00	16	Weissport, Carbon do	16	Weissport, Carbon do	
John J. Crist,	Without charge,																Cataqua, Lehigh do			Cataqua, Lehigh do
J. E. Smith,	Moore Township,	8	702	525	35	13	1	500	4	16	4	400	3	165 00	1500 00	12	Bath, Northampton do	12	Bath, Northampton do	
James W. Mabry,	Kreidersville,	2	780	500	45	72	550	2	25	7	500			236 00	1210 00	14	Cherryville, do do	14	Cherryville, do do	
J. G. Nef,	Without charge,																Bangor, Northampton do			Bangor, Northampton do
Joe. H. Schlappig,	Without charge,																Weissport, Carbon do			Weissport, Carbon do
Frank W. Smith,	Pleasant Valley,	3	525	385	20	19	327	1	10	4	385			115 00	880 00	18	Effort, Monroe do	18	Effort, Monroe do	
H. M. Kiefer, D.D.,	3d st. Rd. Easton, Pa.	1	460	200	13	2	34	7	388	15	8	3	424		1533 00	4950 00	14	Easton, Northampton do	14	Easton, Northampton do
John Kreising,	Without charge,																Brooksideville, Monroe do			Brooksideville, Monroe do
Geo. B. Smith,	Tannerville,	4	421	399	59	1	27	3	340	1	22	4	304		947 00	794 00	20	Tannerville, Monroe do	20	Tannerville, Monroe do
Wilson F. More,	Cataqua,	1	235	134	19	11	21	205	1	9	7	185		157 00	2360 00	14	Cataqua, Lehigh do	14	Cataqua, Lehigh do	
J. O. Lindaman,	Christ Church, Bath,	1	288	98	12	10	150	4	8	5	1	170		127 00	1104 00	7	Bath, Northampton do	7	Bath, Northampton do	
O. W. Lavan,	Grace Chapel,	1	132	66	7	3	8	9	112	1	4	150		70 00	585 00	8	Easton, do do	8	Easton, do do	
John Wolbach,	Without charge,																Nazareth, do do			Nazareth, do do
Geo. W. Reusagen,	Without charge,	2	450	152	19	3	32	1	355	6	7	2	210	1	102 00	1471 00	16	Stone Church, N'hamp'tn Co., Pa.	16	Stone Church, N'hamp'tn Co., Pa.
S. P. Meager,	Mount Bethel,	1	45	15	1	25	1	25	1	4	00			4 00		4 00	8	Stroudsburg, Carbon do	8	Stroudsburg, Carbon do
Russell N. Koplin,	Stroudsburg,	2	300	301	7	134								6	2	198	13	Weissport, Carbon do	13	Weissport, Carbon do
John J. Stauffer,	Bangor,	2	148		7	3	77							2	2	269	1	Bangor, Northampton do	1	Bangor, Northampton do
Samuel A. Hittner,	Hamilton,	2	191		3	29	31	265	63	4	4	317		7	1	317	11	Sciota, Monroe do	12	Sciota, Monroe do
Charles B. Weaver,	Christ Ch., Bethlehem,	1	342	144	3	29	31	265						7	1	317	11	Bethlehem, Northampton do	10	Bethlehem, Northampton do
Gustave A. Schwedes,	Brooksideville,	3	400	400	51	35	365							13	3	201	10		16	
Vacant,	St. Paul's,	1	277	215	44	12	1	205	8	1	1	201		1	1	201	9		9	
"	Kitterville,	1	142	107	15	10	14	145	1	3	5	1	128		60 00	190 00	7		7	
N. Z. Snyder, supply,	Freemansburg,	1	193	102	11	65								3	5	1	101 00	360 00	10	South Bethlehem, Northampton do
J. E. Smith, supply,	Bushkill Centre,	1	116	65	6									2	1	50	8 00	370 00	4	Bath, do do
T. A. Fenstermaker, Llc.																	Philadelphia, Pa.			Philadelphia, Pa.
O. H. Storer, Llc.																	New York City, N. Y.			New York City, N. Y.

LEBANON CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Number d.	Bapt's Infra.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Command'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Banures.	Deaths.	N. Schools.	B. B. Schools.	Min. Bind.	Contributions. Benev. Pulp. ¹ Cong. ¹	Minutes of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.																					
F. W. Kremer, D.D.*	First Ch., Lebanon,	1	860	600	92	10	42	21	525	23	1		22	1	559		\$1116 00	\$2122 00	17	Anville, Lebanon Co., Pa.																				
Jona E. Hiestler, D.D.,	Anville charge,	4	540	330	29	1	22	5	475	18			23	4	350		482 00	1500 00	20	Womelsdorf, Berks do																				
T. Calvin Leinbach,	Barnville charge,	6	1375	850	87	82	12	1314	25			75	58	15	375		226 00	4000 00	10	Stratstown, Berks do																				
EH E. Hiestler,	Without charge,																		1	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill do																				
Daniel B. Albright,	do do				5															8	Colebrookdale, Berks do																			
Jas. A. Schultz,	do do																			15	Shillington, do do																			
R. S. Appel,	Shartsville charge,	4	300	200	26				250	1			8	4	215		70 00	528 00	8	Hamburg, do do																				
M. L. Fritch,	Allegheny charge,	4	900	600	74	12	47	18	643	15			33	9	600	2	145 00	4200 00	15	Shillington, do do																				
Adam J. Bachman,	Schoeffertown charge,	4	755	700	87	11	46	7	510	8		5	27	6	500		195 00	2000 00	28	Schoeffertown, Lebanon do																				
Thomas Kessler,†	Swatara charge,	4	475	330	24	2	21	3	415	12			17	4	329		115 00	750 00	20	320 N. 7th St., Allentown, Pa. do																				
Henry J. Walker,	Tulpehocken charge,	5	1353	708	52	1	50	27	1124	2			22	7	741		407 00	2535 00	20	Stouchsburg, Berks do																				
W. J. Kerchner,	Sinking Spring charge,	3	1110	600	68	2	74	1061	26				47	5	420	1	160 00	2106 00	24	115 S. 3d St., Reading, Berks do																				
L. D. Stambaugh,	Womelsdorf charge,	4	620	420	37	4	40	18	515	6			13	24	4	400	170 00	1632 00	20	Rehrersburg, do do																				
W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.,	Pres. of Palatinate Col.																			9	Myertown, Lebanon do																			
George B. Resner,	St. John's Ch., Leb.,	1	291	161	13		12	14	174	3			2	1	221	1	584 00	1805 00	9	931 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa. do																				
Sam. A. Leinbach,	Bern, Epier & St. Mich. ¹	3	950	550	55				375	10		15	42	4	375	1	250 00	1600 00	12	426 N. 5th St., Reading, do																				
Thomas M. Yundt,	Bethany charge,	2	47	61	1	1	1	9	16	25	3				1	79	102 00	65 00	7	Womelsdorf, Berks do																				
James B. May,	Birdsboro' charge,	1	119	58	8	1	1	28	101	6			2	1	105		25 00	400 00	6	Birdsboro' do do																				
Oliver P. Stenkel,	St. Mark's Ch., Leb.,	1	225	190	22	2	5	19	158				21	1	350		45 00	3193 00	9	Lebanon, Lebanon do																				
Henry Hubish,	Myertown charge,	1	555	260	16		5	9	420	6			16	1	275	2	367 00	2278 00	20	Myertown, do do																				
	Belleman cong.,	1	310	200	17				305				8	4	200			350 00	4																					
William H. Grob,	Schell's Church, †																			Myertown, Lebanon do																				
David U. Wolf,	do																			Myertown, do do																				
B. F. Bio Y, Licentiate.	do																			Oxford, Lehigh do																				
Jairus A. Wickett,†	do																			Jonestown, Lebanon do																				
D. E. Kl pp. D.D.,†	do																			Lebanon, do do																				
Ordained Minister, 22	Pastoral charge, 16	50	10785	6819	713	47	456	197	8890	164	1	110	352	72	6092	7	\$4459 00	\$31558 00	250																					
Died during the annual meeting.										†	Received since annual meeting.										‡ Supplied by Rev. M. H. Wabler.										‡ Added to Swatara charge.									
Dismissed.										†	J. E. HANNAH, Stated Clerk.																													

* Died during the annual meeting.

† Dismissed.

‡ Received since annual meeting.

CLASSES OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfr'd	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Comm'd.	Dismissed.	Kitchens.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	B. S. Repts.	Stu. or Mib.	Benev.	Congre't	Minutes of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
E. V. Gerhart, D.D. L.L.D.	St. Stephen's,	1	81	18	1	1	2	8	80						3	\$488 78	\$158 01	7	Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.	
Theodore Appel, D.D.,	Author,																		do	
Alfred B. Shenkle,	Without charge,																		do	
Prof. in Theol. Sem'y,																			Millersville,	
T. G. Apple, D.D., L.L.D.	Prof. in Theol. Sem'y,																		Lancaster,	
Elm'nath E. Higbee, D.D.,	State Supt. Pub. Inst'a																		do	
John M. Tittel, D.D.,	1st church, Lancaster,	1	426	153	12	4	7	9	350 11			11	1	283		750 00	2550 00	16	do	
Joseph H. Dubbe, D.D.,	Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																		do	
Frederick A. Gast, D.D.,	Prof. in Theol. Sem'y,																		do	
A. Carl Whitmer,	Supt. of Missions,																		do	
John P. Stein,	Millersville,	2	243	71	10	10	14	14	200 5		2	7	2	138 1		221 09	1000 00	10	Millersville, Lancaster	
Darius W. Gerhard,	Willow Street,	2	298	90	17	12	20	6	264			6	2	252		162 62	1148 00	16	Lancaster, do	
Stephen Schweitzer,	Muddy Creek,	4	647	280	52	10	28	1	557 4			18	4	184		111 38	790 00	8	Lincoln, do	
Daniel O. Tobias,	Bethany,	4	392	243	14	9	19	3	303		7	7	2	125		110 14	870 00	12	Littiz, do	
Ellis N. Kreme,	Salem, Harrisburg,	1	400	114	4	8	30	7	313 14			9	1	375		1034 24	2483 00	16	Harrisburg, Dauphin	
Milton H. Sangree,	Steelton,	1	67	47	5	3	9	12	64							11 50	57 00	8	Steelton, Dauphin	
Geo. W. Snyder,	2d church, Harrisburg,	1	136	90	15	2	11	10	101 4			7	1	190		187 17	710 36	11	Harrisburg, Dauphin	
John S. Stahr, Ph.D.	Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																		Lancaster, Lancaster	
John M. Souder,	New Providence,	2	258	211	15	1	5	8	204 2		5	3	2	220		340 41	809 00	12	N. Providence, Lancaster	
Jonath. H. Pannebecker,	Trinity, Columbia,	1	250	205	23	5	18	2	181 2			4	1	240		155 42	2152 00	10	Columbia, Lancaster	
William F. Liebliter,	St. Luke's, Lancaster,	1	190	179	21	4	24	7	132			7	2	354		47 43	2345 55	8	Lancaster, do	
Samuel M. Roeder,	Missionary to Japan,	2	151	61	3	2	3	2	125		1	4	1	98		107 00	1067 00	10	75 Higashi, Sambeco, Sendai, Jap	
Edith F. Leury,	Elizabethtown,	1	115	180	12	3	2	2	60			3	1	103			408 00	6	Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa.	
David B. Schneider,	Missionary to Japan,	2	205	160	4	6	8	3	185 5			3	2	359		227 00	1600 00	16	Marietta, Lancaster Co., do	
Warren J. Johnson,	Manheim,	1	396	175	11	8	25	14	369 5			2	1	420 1		1027 19	2100 00	12	Manheim, Lancaster Co., Pa.	
James W. Meminger,	St. Paul's, Lancaster,	2	114	78	2	4	10	6	74			2	2	168		46 80	620 00	6	Lancaster, do	
John F. Mackley, M.D.,	Maytown,	4	271	60	15	3	22	23	233 8			6	4	360 1		344 68	872 93	8	Maytown, do	
John F. Moyer,	Hummelstown,	3	271	183	9	11	12	14	218 1		17	14	3	325		115 53	572 00	8	Hummelstown, Dauphin do	
J. Stewart Hartman,	New Holland,	3	270	183	9	11	12	14	218 1			12	3	135		145 92	675 00	12	New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa.	
Stephen Schweitzer,	Reamtown,		3	385	130	3	10	11	334 1									6	Lincoln, do	
George F. Mull,	Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																			
Richard C. Schled,	Prof. in F. & M. Col.,																			
		39	5295	2627	287	107	281	151	4337	57		32	125	36	4319	4	\$534 75	\$23287 85	199	

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CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.		CHARGES.		BAPTISTS.												CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Conf.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Comm'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Ereasures.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	B. S. Sch'l'rs.	Sin. Min'y.	Benew.	Cong.	Minutes of Synod.		Co., Pa.
Rudolph Duenger, D.D.,	Ashland,	1	300	250	44	32	2	260	13	1	22	13	1	22			\$130 00	\$1150 00	8	Ashland, Schuylkill	do
Aaron R. Hortenstine,	Mahanoy,	4	322	189	21	24	3	251	13	5	198	13	5	198			150 00	904 00	12	Mahanoy, Northumberland	do
*William G. Engle,	Uniontown,	6	715	270	88	66	538	5	28	6	41	26	6	41			319 00	880 00	10	Pittow, Dauphin	do
Geo. B. Dechant,	Nunda,	2	387	300	26	30	304	2	12	16	5	350	1	350			416 00	800 00	16	Catawissa, Columbia	do
Thomas J. Hacker,	Shamokin,	1	675	500	121	5	38	40	3	8	1	570	1	570			513 00	1990 00	15	Shamokin, Northumberland	do
William B. Sandoe,	Ringtown,	4	190	139	35	10	190	2	21	1	50	21	1	50			350 00	320 00	15	Kingtown, Schuylkill	do
Samuel Kube,	Herryburg,	5	294	172	18	15	2	216	1	5	5	235	1	5			83 00	527 00	5	Elizabethville, Dauphin	do
John Calvin Leinbach,	Senbury,	1	34	132	13	1	5	25	29	7	10	1	235	14	5		235 00	3152 00	12	Senbury, Northumberland	do
*John C. Glantz,	Deep Creek,	6	251	240	31	15	23	7	14	5	256	14	5	256			63 00	700 00	8	H-gins, Schuylkill	do
Joabua H. Derr,	Catawissa,	1	106	70	6	3	8	93	7	1	1	90	1	1			70 00	720 00	10	Catawissa, Columbia	do
†Albert S. Stauffer,	Line Mountain,	5	358	232	65	27	1	272	15	5	160	15	5	160			52 00	902 00	5	Greenbrier, Northumberland	do
Tilghman Derr,	Millersburg,	3	405	200	17	12	5	315	8	3	260	8	3	260			175 00	2000 00	14	Millersburg, Dauphin	do
Charles H. Mutschler,	Augusta,	4	325	216	30	5	1	26	7	5	4	160	11	1			96 00	650 00	10	Senbury, Northumberland	do
H. H. Sandor,	Mt. Carmel,	3	230	90	32	8	33	176	3	1	45	3	1	45			94 00	1053 00	15	Mt. Carmel, Northumberland	do
A. R. Hortenstine, sup.,	David's congregation,	1	67	40	13	11	49	49	3	1	30	3	1	30			4 00	100 00	2		do
Tilghman Derr, sup.,	Fetterhoff's,	1	55	25	2	48	48	30	2	1	30	2	1	30			23 00	75 00	4		do
George B. Dechant, sup.,	Salem,	1	30	25	—	—	—	30	—	—	—	—	—	—			15 00	120 00	5		do
Total, 14.		49	5057	3080	552	6301	120	410	48	16	176	48	3467	2			\$2438 00	\$16073 00	169		

* Dismissed to Wyoming Classis.

† Died July 8, 1890.

I certify that above statistics are correct.

J. CALVIN LEINBACH, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Confr.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Part's.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commund.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	Stu. for M.	Contributions.		M. n. of Sy.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
					Infants.	Adults.									Benev. Purp.	Cong. Purp.			Englab.	German.
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,	Sept. Pub. Inst.	3	347	180	33	1	18		322	3		9	3	165	\$132 00	\$615 00	24	Spring Mills, Centre Co., Pa.		
William W. Clouser,	White Deer,	6	410	390	34	11	11		402	7		12	6	360	307 00	104 00	10	White Deer Mills, Union do		
William A. Hess,	Sellingrove,	5	620	330	23	33	3	473	2			12	4	245	203 00	885 00	40	Sellingrove, Snyder do		
William M. Landis,	Beaver Springs,	1	270	83	9	13	25	230	8			5	1	175	1540 00	1100 00	15	Beaver Springs, Snyder do		
John F. De Long,	Lewisburg,	6	280	200	30	10	3	270	12			10	4	260	230 00	1240 00	10	Lewisburg, Union do		
David O. Shoemaker,	Nittany Valley,	2	225	100	20	3	10	9	151		2	7	1	225	123 00	1061 00	12	Walker, Centre do		
George W. Gerhard,	Lock Haven,																	Lock Haven, Clinton do		
William E. Hoy,	Foreign Missionary,																	Sandal, Japan. do		
Lewis D. Steckel,	Mifflinburg,	3	430	180	14	1	12	6	390	9		16	3	275	359 00	1446 00	21	Mifflinburg, Union do		
A. A. Black,	Boalsburg,	4	320	261	14			3	295	10		5	3	220	255 00	3121 00	12	Berkefonte, Centre do		
Lewis Robb,	St. John's, Williamsport,	1	168		4			16	125	4		6	2	150	192 00	845 00	10	Williamsport, Lycoming do		
Vacont,	Centre Hall,	4	290	145				260						240	642 00	783 00	18	Centre Hall, Centre do		
do	Aaronsburg,	5	302	263	16		8	26	246	26		14	1	273	206 00	1501 00	12	Aaronsburg, Centre do		
do	Liverpool,	6	250	150	34	11	52	4	236			5	250		40 00	600 00	4	Chapman, Snyder do		
do	Bellefonte,	2	233	115	6		3	25	206	5	1	3	1	120	561 00	2088 00	20	Bellefonte, Centre do		
do	Rebersburg,	5	328	237	22		23	4	291	8		14	5	348	425 00	725 00	17	Rebersburg, Centre do		
do	New Berlin,	5	327	245	15	1	7	4	235	11		9	5	237	262 00	770 00	12	New Berlin, Union do		
John Dotterer,	Without charge,																	Rebersburg, Centre do		
Tilghman R. Dietz,*																		Shippensburg, Pa. do		
Total, 13		58	4800	2679	274	17	200	130	4132	95	2	6	118	50	5537	00	17780	00	237	27

* Dismissed to but not received by Mercersburg Classis before the meeting of Synod.

WM. A. HAAS, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Bapt's	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Comm'd.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch's	Stu. for M.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.									Beney. Purp.	Cong. Purp.			
Z. Weiser, D.D.,	New Goshenhoppen,	2	981	650	43	2	38	2	892	5	28	2	400		\$829 00	\$2500 00	18	East Greenville, Montg. Co., Pa.	
Kryder Evans,	Trinity, Pottstown,	1	740	660	77	5	33	18	650	8	28	2	720		676 00	2300 00	14	Pottstown, do do	
L. Dechant,	Old Goshenhoppen,	4	800	300	55	2	52	10	726	18	2	26	5	800	4	289 00	1500 00	18	Pennsburg, Montgomery do
M. K. Huber,	Wentz's,	3	720	275	20	6	11	4	695	21	23	2	300	3	303 00	1100 00	18	Skippackville, do do	
Ed Keller, D.D.,	Zionsville,	3	850	460	73	92	6	720	4		32	3	430	4	401 00	1626 00	17	Zionsville, Lehigh do	
I. S. Stahr,	Oley,	4	695	385	57	1	34	580	1		21	4	245		371 00	1021 00	16	Oley, Berks do	
C. H. Herbst,	Pottstown,	2	550	400	55	2	28	15	425	3	6	20	2	400	1	205 00	2450 00	12	Pottstown, Montgomery do
C. S. Wicand,	Zion's (Pottstown),	1	250	185	26	15	8	207	1		9	7	1	200		114 00	1850 00	10	do do do
J. E. Freeman,	Boyetown,	2	568	450	22	3	60	27	395	8	10	5	238		193 00	1549 00	15	Boyetown, Berks do	
Joseph D. Peters,	Falkner Swamp,	1	416	160	34	7	46	6	279	5	9	1	161	2	26 00	847 00	8	Fagleyville, Montgomery do	
P. P. A. Hoffman,	Hill and Lobach,	2	320	150	28	1	27	300	6		1	15	2	100	20 00	1500 00		Reading, Berks do	
L. D. Leberman,	Without charge,																	7th and Girard Ave., Phila. do	
John H. Leinbach, sup.,	Amityville,	1	275	125	15			263	12		4	3	125		41 00	1075 00	10	Reading, Berks do	
Robert C. Weaver, do	Chestnut Hill,	1	89	59	7	3		75	1		2	1	75		15 00	2500 00	6	Coopersburg, Lehigh do	
Jos. E. Freeman, do	Sassaman's,	1	193	110	6	3	18	149	4		4	1	35		50 00	365 00	4	Boyetown, Berks do	
Ed Keller, D.D., do	Christ's (Huber's),	1	160	140	12			130	4		3	1	90		75 00	345 00	6	Zionsville, Lehigh do	
		29,7607	4509	530	32	457	96	6484	101	18	227	35	4391	10	\$3608 00	22527 00	154		

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C. B. WICAND, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF TOBIKON.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	Conrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt.	Confirmed.	Certificates.	Command'd.	Dismissed.	Krsures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. B. Sch's.	Stu. Min'y.	Contributions.	Minutes of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
				Infants.	Adults.										Beney. Purp.	Conq. Corp.		
David Rothrock,	Neokemixon,	1	402	162	19	2	24	1	352	3	3	9	3	134	1	\$293 00	\$547 00	10 Kintnersville, Bucks Co., Pa.
B. K. Gross,	Ridge Valley,	2	316	201	16	4	28	6	248	2	1	17	1	47	22 00	814 00	do do	
Amandus F. Ziegler,	Keller's,	2	330	188	25	2	14	10	290	7	8	3	130	47	65 00	800 00	11 Bingen, Northampton do	
Levi C. Sheip,	Doylestown,	1	138	86	3	1	12	2	125		21	21	14	3	70 00	1000 00	6 Doylestown, Bucks do	
Jacob Kehm,	Indian Creek,	2	800	450	39	1	12	4	700	16	10	14	3	300	384 00	1874 00	20 Sellersville, do do	
Nathaniel Z. Snyder,	South Bethlehem,	2	460	315	57	4	25	32	5		24	15	4	425	186 00	930 00	16 S. Bethlehem, Northampton do	
Franklin J. Mohr,	Quakertown,	3	648	300	30	4	22	22	570	6	24	15	4	550	331 00	1647 00	18 Quakertown, Bucks do	
James G. Dangler,	Sellersville,	4	539	170	27	15	31	5	502	5	17	4	550	1	581 00	1515 00	22 Sellersville, do do	
Robt. C. Weaver,	Friedensville,	3	692	515	96	5	80	10	630	4	45	12	427	2	175 00	970 00	19 Coopersburg, Lehigh do	
A. B. Koplin, D.D.,	Lower Sacon,	4	650	335	26	1	11	10	560	4	12	6	430	2	719 00	1580 00	16 Hellertown, Northampton do	
H. F. Seiple,	Hilltown,	3	396	201	26	9	19	5	386	4	10	2	170	2	278 00	700 00	12 Lansdale, Montgomery do	
B. B. Ferrer,	Riegelsville,	1	243	150	6	2	6	11	225	8	6	1	225	8	780 00	1650 00	12 Riegelsville, Bucks do	
J. J. Rothrock,	Lansdale,	1	184	81	5	7	11	31	170	3	3	1	268	3	129 00	1350 00	8 Lansdale, Montgomery do	
Milton H. Mill,	South Easton,	1	220	175	7	11	9	164	4	16	4	1	185	4	120 00	1500 00	12 Easton, Northampton do	
Jacob G. Dabbe,	Springfield,	3	475	225	25	5	54	21	380	1	14	4	220	1	135 00	918 00	13 Coopersburg, Lehigh do	
Samuel H. Phillips,	Durham,	2	415	300	22	18	18	355			13	2	275	2	1373 00	3925 00	12 Durham, Bucks do	
T. C. Strook,	Tinticum,	3	370	180	10		4	242			4	3	175	8	59 00	680 00	16 Erwinna, do do	
eR. N. Koplin, Lie.,																		
eC. B. Weaver, Lie.,																		
17		37	8278	4044	439	57	382	244	6225	72		54	212	54	4441	8	\$5717 00 \$21262 00	237

* Dismissed to East Pennsylvania Classis.

NATHANIEL Z. SNYDER, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congr.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Bapt's.		Certificate.	Command'd.	Dismiss'd.	Excom.	Deacons.	B. Schools.	S. B. Sch's.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.								Benef.	Conf. Prop.		
Wm. A. Helfrich, D.D.,	Zircgel's,	9	1200	800	83	5,143	1136	40	3	61	10	610	5	\$569 00	\$4000 00	10	Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
A. J. Herman,	Zion's,	6	620	230	60	1,433	570	2	30	20	5	550	1	188 00	2000 00	17	Masstown, Berks do
Wm. R. Hordorf, D.D.,	Egypt,	4	980	470	61	1,983	900	2	30	9	530	5		453 00	1400 00	30	529 Turner St., Allentown, do
Abm. Bartholomew,	Maboning,	4	625	350	68	533	503	4	27	11	350	3		186 00	1200 00	36	Lehighon, Carbon do
E. J. Fogel,	Jordan,	4	900	600	56	423	703	5	27	8				417 00	2300 00		Fogelsville, Lehigh do
B. G. Wagner, D.D.,	St. John's,	1	524	282	16	2,213	406	5	10	1	378	1		857 00	4370 00	36	24 S. 7th St., Allentown, do
A. J. G. Dubbs, D.D.,	Salem's,	1	1000	500	117	3,893	846	6	163	82	1,065			1106 00	3750 00	25	523 Walnut St., do
Benjamin Weiss,	Lehighville,	4	550	300	39	223	435	4	22	8	240			140 00	2500 00		Lehighville, Berks do
J. Fritzing,	St. Mark's,	1	180	90	13	19	85		26	7	375	1		34 00	600 00	9	111 Hamilton St., Allentown do
Thomas N. Reber,	Macungie,	3	635	350	56	293	371	5	37	5	600	3		215 00	1200 00	12	Allentown, Lehigh do
N. C. Schaefer, Ph. D.,	Principal Normal Sch.																Lynnport, Lehigh do
James N. Bachman,	Jacksonville,	4	800	600	96	44	693							83 00	1500 00	5	Reading, Berks do
N. W. Helfrich,	His father's assistant,													675 00	4200 00	30	446 Hamilton St., Allentown, do
John H. Leinbach,	St. John's (Kutztown),	1	275	150	20	21	235	5	47	26	1,560	3		85 00	1500 00	18	167 Turner St., do
Edwin A. Gernant,	Zion's (Allentown),	1	850	530	23	1,241	675	3	36	6	1,250						Fenn. College, do
M. H. Diefenderfer,	Christ's	1	165	146	35	1,241	132	8						63 00	500 00	12	Summit Hill, Carbon do
Wm. M. Kelly, Ph.D.,	President Fem. College													100 00	1025 00	16	Slatington Lehigh do
Alfred P. Horn,	Summit Hill,	1	135	80	23	6	75	4	10	9	1	276	2				Shamokin, Northumberland do
Neri P. Peters,	Slatington,	1	400	210	32	1,257	300	11									Collegeville, Montgomery do
Julius C. J. Kurtz,	Without charge,																Lehighon, do
Gro. W. Sublis,	Lehighon,	1	414	325	22	43	295	3	1	9	1	416	1	154 00	1070 00	8	Lehighon, do
J. Alvin Reber,																	Wichita, Kansas.
E. E. Kemp,																	Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Henry D. Kurtz,	Kutztown & Tipton,	2	396	130	10	30	235	6	5	3	2	195		130 00	1095 00	10	Berlehem, do
Gustave A. Schwedes,	St. Peter's cong.,	1	120	65	4	27	113	3						27 00	240 00	9	Lehighon, Carbon do
A. Bartholomew, supply,	Blanton,	1	130	60	4	8	100	5						15 00	250 00	2	Lehighville, Berks do
Bro'n Weiss, supply,	Emaus,																Coopersburg, Lehigh do
R. C. Weaver,																	Allentown, Lehigh do
G. Ernest Wagner,	Asst Dr. S. G. Wagner,	4	630	380	130	30	540	10						100 00	1900 00	8	
Vacant,	Fleetwood,																
		50	11499	6548	968	14,798	9348	124	265	456	84	7193	26	6894 00	\$37775 00	293	

* Without a pastor, and only approximately correct.

EDWIN A. GERNANT, Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States for 1889.

NAME OF CLASSES.	Minist'rs.	Members.	Unconfr'd Members.	Baptisms.			Additions.		Comm'd.	Dismiss'd.	Excom.	Bread.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	B. School Teachers.	Officers & Teachers.	Students for the Min.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.
				Infants.	Adults.	Conf'd.	Certif'd.	Rev. P.										Congreg'l		
East Pennsylvania,	31	9795	5934	641	11	439	137	6842	80	0	23	263	65	6166	11			\$3334 00	\$28600 00	276
Lebanon,	22	50	10785	6819	713	47	466	197	8890	164	110	352	72	6092	7			4169 00	31358 00	250
Philadelphia,	28	5288	1089	189	158	312	268	4638	96	0	45	82	29	5363	425			14444 00	54937 00	254
Lancaster,	31	5295	2627	257	107	281	151	4337	57	0	32	125	36	4319	6			5634 00	23287 00	199
East Susquehanna,	14	49	5067	3066	552	6	391	120	4105	48	0	16	176	48	3467	2		2438 00	15073 00	169
West Susquehanna,	13	58	4800	2879	274	17	200	130	4182	95	2	6	118	50	3563	27		5377 00	17789 00	237
Goshenhoppen,	12	29	7607	4509	530	32	457	96	6484	101	0	18	227	35	4319	10		3608 00	22527 00	154
Tobickon,	17	37	8278	4044	439	57	382	244	6225	72	0	54	212	54	4441	8		5717 00	21263 00	237
Lehigh,	26	50	11499	6548	968	14	793	217	9348	124	0	265	456	84	7193	26		6894 00	37775 00	295
Schuylkill,	24	40	10726	6164	908	35	537	234	8555	99	0	139	286	51	8173	646		14817 00	37685 00	246
Wyoming,	18	36	5076	2982	405	28	290	221	4034	70	0	75	127	32	3551	22		2811 00	23699 00	193
Eastern Synod,	236	465	84210	46655	5976	512	4453	2015	67593	1003	3	783	2424	556	56647	1120		\$71433 00	\$314983 00	2510
Synod of Ohio, - 6 Classes,	111	234	19748	6054	662	551	1213	709	15769	477	3	718	318	203	19019	2554		\$12713 00	\$80914 00	29
Ger.Synod, North West, 10 do	123	201	17472	12626	1637	31	957	1014	9381	15620	346	435	167	9009	22			12194 00	83463 00	00
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 do	64	131	14092	8514	789	83	637	472	11072	334	3	111	231	111	8587	14		10711 00	66064 00	00
Synod of the Potomac, 10 do	142	298	32310	18966	1899	262	1636	857	26603	64511	313	766	268	22964	61			32231 00	131063 00	00
Ger. Synod of the East, 5 do	50	45	12640	7917	2308	19	783	600	9998	104	4	350	404	44	9170	12		9571 00	83380 00	00
Central Synod, - 4 do	74	114	17233	10051	1183	53	834	745	12611	26811	406	395	107	10444	622			9513 00	95637 00	00
Synod of the Interior, 4 do	36	66	2793	1703	151	84	196	149	2061	71	0	70	31	2776	288			2712 00	18621 00	00
Total, 1889, 8 Synods, 55 Classes,	836	1574	200498	112486	14605	1595	10759	6561	155118	3061	55	3117	1513	138916	285			\$161078 00	\$874115 00	00
Total, 1888, 8 Synods, 55 Classes,	813	1533	194044	115189	14460	1474	10252	5948	155108	2673	46	2763	1450	136288	4589			\$171251 00	\$900415 00	00

Stated Clerks of the Synod. — 1. Rev. Jno. P. Stein, Millersburg, Pa. 2. Rev. I. H. Relter, D.D., Miamiaburg, Ohio. 3. Rev. J. J. Janett, Freeport, Ill. 4. Rev. J. M. Schick, Greenville, Pa. 5. Rev. Wm. M. Deatrice, D.D., Mercersburg, Pa. 6. Rev. A. E. Dahman, Philadelphia, Pa. 7. Rev. John Bachman, Cincinnati, Ohio. 8. Rev. Thos. F. Stauffer, Abilene, Kansas.

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One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Sessions.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the First Reformed Church of Reading, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, The sessions began on the evening of the fifteenth and continued until noon of the twenty-first.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod convened, according to adjournment, in First Reformed Church, of Reading, Pa., October 15th, A. D. 1890, at 7:30 P. M. The session was opened with religious services, and the opening sermon was preached by Rev. Jno. M. Titzel, D. D., from the text recorded in I Cor. 15: 3—"For I delivered unto you, first of all, that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." At the conclusion of the sermon, the President called the Synod to order, and formally opened it with prayer. Whereupon the certified roll was called, and a quorum was formed to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of East Pennsylvania.

Ministers: Tilgh O. Stem, Geo. B. Smith, G. A. Schwedes,² J. E. Smith,* S. P. Mauger, ²* C. W. Levan.

Elders: J. J. Hoffman,* Jno. A. Singer, Gabriel Riedy.

II.—From the Classis of Lebanon.

Ministers: Geo. B. Resser,* Samuel A. Leinbach,⁴ Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Henry Hilbish.²

Elders: Harrison P. Epler,* D. P. Althouse,² Jacob K. Funk,³* J. H. Cilley.

III.—From the Classis of Philadelphia.

Ministers : Jos. H. Hendricks, Jno. H. Sechler, Jas. I. Good, D. D.,³⁻⁴ Chas. H. Coon,^{2-*} J. B. Henry,² Henry T. Spangler.³⁻⁴

Elders : Hiram C. Hoover,³ Prof. J. S. Weinberger,² Jno. W. Bickel, Esq., Wm. K. Gresh,³ Wm. H. Schall.

IV.—From the Classis of Lancaster.

Ministers : E. N. Kremer,³ S. M. Roeder, Jon. H. Pannebecker, Wm. F. Lichliter, Jno. S. Stahr, Ph. D.

Elders : P. Bausman, Wm. A. Heitshu,^{2-*} P. E. Gruger, Wm. H. Seibert.

V.—From the Classis of East Susquehanna.

Ministers : Tilgh. Derr,⁴ S. P. Brown,⁴ A. R. Hottenstein.⁴

Elders : Daniel Eisenhart, M. G. Bressler,² Jno. R. Kauffman.³

VI.—From the Classis of West Susquehanna.

Ministers : Wm. M. Landis,²⁻⁴ Geo. E. Addams,²⁻⁴ Lewis Robb,

Elders : Prof. Wm. Moyer, Dr. F. W. Vandersloot, Henry W. Kreamer.³⁻⁴

VII.—From the Classis of Goshenhoppen.

Ministers : Eli Keller, D. D., Isaac S. Stahr.²

Elders : Reuben Riegner.³

VIII.—From the Classis of Tohicken.

Ministers : A. B. Koplin, D. D.,³ F. J. Mohr.⁴

Elders : Wm. F. Hartman, Nathaniel Metz.⁴

IX.—From the Classis of Lehigh.

Ministers : C. Ernest Wagner,^{*} J. Alvin Reber, Thos. N. Reber, Jno. H. Leinbach.

Elders : Jas. F. Hunsicker, Wm. R. Lawfer,^{3-*} Thos. F. Butz.⁴

X.—From the Classis of Schuylkill.

Ministers : Geo. W. Roth, Chas. B. Schneder,² W. Donat,² G. B. Walbert.^{*}

Elders : Chas. A. Meck,^{*} Samuel H. Lenhart,^{2-*} Daniel Shepp,^{*} Daniel Miller.

The numbers attached to the names of delegates on the roll indicate the day when they appeared and took their seats. The letters indicate the day on which they obtained leave of absence.

XI.—From the Classis of Wyoming.

Ministers : E. D. Miller, Aaron Noll,² Daniel E. Schoedler.

Elders : William J. Eckert,* David R. Williams.*

Rev. Jno. F. Moyer, delegate secundus from Lancaster Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. E. N. Kremer, delegate primarius, until the third day, when he appeared and took his seat.

Rev. Chas. E. Wehler, delegate secundus from Philadelphia Classis, occupied the seat of Dr. Jas. I. Good, delegate primarius, until the third day, when he appeared and took his seat.

Rev. A. L. Dechant, delegate secundus from Goshenhoppen Classis, occupied the seat of Rev. I. S. Stahr until the second day, when the primarius appeared and took his seat.

Prof. Wm. M. Reily, delegate secundus after the fifth day, occupied the seat of the primarius, Rev. C. E. Wagner, from Lehigh Classis.

Advisory Members.

East Pennsylvania Classis.—Rev. Jas. W. Mabry.

Lebanon Classis.—Revs. David U. Wolff, D. B. Albright, L. D. Stambaugh, Wm. J. Kershner, Henry J. Welker, D. E. Klopp, D. D., Thos. C. Leinbach, R. S. Appel and Jon. E. Heister, D. D.

Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. Geo. H. Johnston, D. D., E. C. Hibschan, Chas. G. Fisher, D. D.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. J. M. Titzel, D. D., J. S. Hartman, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, D. W. Gerhard, D. C. Tobias, S. Schweitzer, Jos. H. Dubbs, D. D., A. C. Whitmer, M. H. Sangree and Prof. J. E. Kerschner.

East Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. Geo. J. Lisberger, Thos. J. Hacker and Dr. Rudolph Duenger.

West Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. Wm. Clouser and Jno. F. DeLong.

Goshenhoppen Classis.—Revs. S. M. K. Huber, C. S. Wieand, Geo. P. Fisher, Jos. E. Freeman, C. H. Herbst, L. K. Evans.

Lehigh Classis.—Revs. M. H. Diffenderfer, Geo. W. Richards, M. L. Brensinger.

Schuylkill Classis.—Revs. Dr. C. F. McCauley, Dr. B. Bausman H. Mosser, Jno. W. Steinmetz, C. S. Gerhard, H. Y. Stoner, O. H. Strunck, A. R. Bartholomew, H. K. Binckley, R. W. Miller.

Wyoming Classis.—Revs. Wm. S. Engle, F. K. Levan.
Virginia Classis, Synod of Potomac.—Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.
Carlisle Classis, Synod of Potomac.—Rev. L. S. Messinger.
Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac.—Rev. Warren J. Johnson.
Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio.—Rev. W. H. H. Hibschan, D. D.
German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of the East.—Revs.
 L. K. Derr and Dr. N. Gehr.

Other Churches.

Lutheran Church, Rev. M. C. Horine, Rev. E. S. Brownmiller.
 Presbyterian Church, Rev. Wm. Templeton.
 Evangelical Church, Rev. S. C. Breyfogle, Rev. A. Kreckler.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Tilgh O. Stem, of Easton, Pa., was elected President.
 Rev. Geo. B. Resser, of Lebanon, Pa., was elected Correspond-
 ing Secretary.
 Rev. Jno. F. Moyer, of Hummelstown, Pa., was elected Treas-
 urer.
 Rev. John P. Stein, of Millersville, Pa., is continued Stated
 Clerk,

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was, on motion, dispensed
 with, and the limits constituting the *Bar of the House* were defined
 to consist of the first ten pews from the chancel railing.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of
 the current sessions of the Synod, to wit: The daily sessions of
 the Synod are to open at 9 A. M. and close at 5 P. M., with a recess
 at noon from 11:30 A. M. to 2 P. M. An evening session was held
 on Monday, beginning at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, viz :

I. *On Minutes of Synod*.—Revs. Chas. B. Schneder, Thomas N. Reber, A. R. Hottenstein, Elders Prof. J. Shelly Weinberger, Gabriel Riedy.

II. *On Overtures*.—Revs. Jno. H. Sechler, Geo. B. Smith, Geo. B. Resser, Elders Wm. F. Hartman and J. J. Hoffman.

III. *On Religious Services*.—Revs. Lewis Robb, Chas. E. Wehler and Elder Daniel Miller.

IV. *On Minutes of Classes*.—Revs. J. Alvin Reber, H. T. Spangler, Samuel M. Roeder, Elders Prof. Wm. Moyer and Jas. F. Hunsicker.

V. *On Examination, Licensure and Ordination*.—Revs. Eli Keller, D. D., John S. Stahr, Ph. D., A. B. Koplin, D. D., Elders Wm. H. Seibert and Chas. A. Meck.

VI. *On Religion and Morals*.—Revs. D. E. Schoedler, Samuel A. Leinbach, Geo. B. Walbert, Elders Dr. F. W. Vandersloot, Philip Bausman.

VII. *On Theological Seminary*.—Revs. Wm. C. Shaeffer, Ph. D., Geo. W. Roth, C. F. Wagner, Elders John W. Bickel and David R. Williams.

VIII. *On Missions*.—Revs. F. J. Mohr, Wm. F. Lichliter, G. A. Schwedes, Elders Daniel Eisenhart and William H. Schall.

IX. *On Finance*.—Revs. Jonathan H. Pannebecker, Aaron Noll, S. P. Mauger, Elders Wm. J. Eckert and Harrison P. Epler.

X. *On Nominations*.—Revs. C. W. Levan, E. D. Miller, Isaac S. Stahr, Elders Daniel Shepp and Nathaniel Metz.

XI. *On Publication*.—Revs. Tilgh Derr, Geo. B. Resser, John H. Sechler, Elders Jno. W. Bickel and Reuben Riegner.

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ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohicken, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Wyoming were received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Sta-

tistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on these subjects.

2. The Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary—also the Annual Report of the Board of Education—were received, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

3. The Report of the Trustees of the Synod, and the Report of the Treasurer of Synod were received. The former was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and the latter to the Standing Committee on Finance.

4. The Annual Report of the Board of Missions, the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Missions, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions—also the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions—were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

5. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

6. A Communication from Potomac Synod with Nominations for Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

7. A Report from the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College was received and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

8. Numerous other documents were received and placed in the hands of the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The acts and proceedings of the Synod of Allentown were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, also the Minutes of the General Synod at Lebanon. The committee submitted its report, which was considered item by item, and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit :

REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF SYNOD OF ALLENTOWN, 1889.

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod beg leave to report the following items, viz .

Item 1, Page 37. The Committee on the endowment of the Theological Seminary was continued.

Item 2, Page 62. The Synod resolved to continue the Tri-Synodic Compact for another term of four years, unless in the mean time the Synod orders otherwise.

Item 3, Page 62. Synod requested classes to take action that will lead to the endowment of additional church building funds by Missionary Societies and by individual members of the church.

Item 4, Page 63. The Board of Home Missions was requested to enlarge the Executive Council from four to six members.

Item 5, Page 73. The Stated Clerk was instructed to return the Memorial from St. Paul's Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Pa., along with certain information in reference to the Memorial sent to Synod.

Item 6, Page 82. This Synod overtured the Synods of Pittsburgh and Potomac to discontinue the Editorial Commission, and to place the arrangement for editing the *Messenger* in charge of the Board of Publication, under the terms of contract with Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D.

Item 7, Page 82. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have 3300 copies of the Minutes of Synod published in the English language.

Item 8, Page 86. The Trustees of this Synod were instructed so to amend their Act of Incorporation that its legal title may conform to that of Synod.

Item 9, Page 94. A committee of three elders was appointed, to prepare and report at this annual meeting a brief paper, calling attention to the peculiar expenses of Ministers, and to the injunction of the Saviour, that the laborer is worthy of his hire ; Elder Jacob Rader, Chairman.

Item 10, Page 94. Synod appointed a committee to select subjects and speakers on Practical Church Work for the evening sessions of this Synod, Rev. H. Mosser, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD OF LEBANON, MAY, 1890.

Item 1, Page 64. General Synod urges District Synods to transfer their missions and funds to the General Board.

Item 2, Page 79. General Synod urges District Synods to direct the classes to direct the consisteries to bring as far as practicable the cause of missions to the individual member.

Item 3, Page 79. General Synod requests the classes, through the synods to apportion such amount upon the charges, as shall

average 5 cents per member, per year, for the period of three years as a Church Building Fund.

Item 4, Page 100. District Synods and classes are instructed to take action on the cause of Foreign Missions.

Item 5, Page 120. General Synod urges Synod to continue, and if possible, increase their contributions to Orphans' Homes.

Item 6, Page 121. General Synod, in reference to the Society for the relief of Ministers and their widows, requests District Synods: (a) to urge upon their classes to take such action as shall best bring the importance of the Society's claims to the notice of the people and elicit their hearty support. (b) to urge that special account be taken of the fact that the coming year will be the Centennial year of the founding of the Society. (c) to direct the classes to increase the number of life members of the Society.

Item 7, Page 158. The Eastern Synod is respectfully requested to pay the delinquency on the Bohemian Church Aid.

Item 8, Page 158. Synods are directed to pay apportionments for Harbor Missions to the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod.

Item 9, Page 158. Synods are requested to pay one-half of their contingent expenses to the Treasurer of the General Synod within one year after the adjournment of that Synod.

Item 10, Page 164. The next triennial sessions of the General Synod, will be held in St. Paul's Reformed Church of Reading, Pa., May 24, A. D., 1893, at 7:30 P. M.

Item 11, Page 15. General Synod does not approve of the suggestion of this Synod to apply, if the unification theory be adopted, the contributions of German congregations to support German missions and those of English congregations to the support of English missions, and those of congregations where both languages to similar missions.

Item 12, Page 146. General Synod adopts Dr. N. Gehr's translation of the "Directory of Worship" and allows its use.

Item 13, Page 158. General Synod makes the following apportionment on this Synod, to wit:

For Contingent Expenses,.....	\$1272.10.
" Harbor Missions,.....	1060.15.
Total,.....	<u>2332.25.</u>

Item 14, Page 162. General Synod heartily commends the aims and objects of the "American Sabbath Union."

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. B. SCHNEDER, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item, 1, see Article XIII, Theological Seminary; for the result of the action of Synod on items 2, 3, 4, see Article XIV, Missions; on 5 and 6, see Article XVI, References; on items 7, see Article XIX, Publication; on item 8, see Article XV, Finance; on item 9, see article XXI, Miscellaneous; on item 10, see Article IX, Religious Service.

General Synod—For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XIV, Missions; for action on items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, with a, b, c, see Article, XVI, References; on item 7 and 13, see Article XV, Finance; items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, were adopted; for action on item 14, see Article XVI, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE VIII.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures submitted its report. It was taken up, and considered, item by item, and finally adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report that the following named communications have been placed in its hands, and are herewith presented for your action:—

1. Communication from George F. Baer, Esq., LL.D., proffering passes over the Neversink Mountain Railroad to delegates to Synod; also one from C. M. Dechant, Superintendent and Secretary of the Penn Gravity Railroad, inviting members of Synod to a free ride over the road, and accompanied with tickets for the purpose.

2. Bid of "Owen, the Printer," for publishing the Minutes of Synod.

3. Letter from Rev. A. R. Kremer, concerning his "Life of Dr. Nevin," together with a copy of the book.

4. Report of the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home.

5. Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.

6. Report of the Committee on the Endowment of a New Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

7. Communication from the Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.
8. Report of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Missionary Superintendent.
9. Plan for Unification of Home Missions.
10. Communication relating to Special Mission Work among the Hungarians.
11. Register of Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary.
12. Catalogues of Ursinus and Palatinate College.
13. Copy of the "Weekly Messenger" of issue Dec. 15. 1841, containing sermon by Rev. B. C. Wolff, delivered at opening of Synod, at Reading, Pa., in 1841.
14. Communication from a Committee appointed to arrange for the Annual Reunion of the Reformed Church in Eastern Pennsylvania.
15. Overture from East Pennsylvania Classis, requesting a reduction in its classical apportionment for home missions.
16. Communication from Potomac Synod, communicating information of time and place of its next annual meeting, and suggesting that the Potomac and Eastern Synods meet at different times.
17. An appeal against the opening on Sunday of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago.
18. Report of Society for Relief of Ministers and Ministers' Widows.
19. Catalogue of Allentown Female College.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. SECHLER, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 3, 4, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 19, see Art. XXI, Miscellaneous. On item 2, see Art. XIX, on Publication. On items 5, 6 and 7, see Art. XIII, on Theological Seminary. On items 8, 9, 10 and 13, see Art. XIV, on Missions. On item 13, see Art. XVI, on References.

ARTICLE IX.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Sessions of Synod were opened with religious services. The Standing Committee on this subject reported the Order of Services, and appointed the persons who were to conduct the same. The report, as a whole, was finally adopted. It reads as follows, to wit:

Dear Fathers and Brethren—Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to offer the following report:—

First Reformed Church—10 A. M., Rev. Prof. E. V. Gerhart, D.D. LL.D. 1.30 P. M., Sunday School, Rev. C. W. Levan, Rev. Alvin J. Reber, Hon. H. C. Hoover. 7 P. M., Rev. J. B. Henry.

Second Reformed Church—10.30 A. M., Rev. Prof. J. S. Stahr, Ph.D. 1.30 P. M., Sunday School, address, Rev. Geo. E. Adams. 7 P. M.; Platform Meeting in interest of Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, Rev. J. H. Sechler.

St. Paul's Reformed Church—10.30 A. M., Rev. T. O. Stem. 7 P. M., Rev. Jno. S. Stahr, Ph.D.

St. Stephen's Reformed Church—10.00 A. M., Rev. G. B. Walbert. 7 P. M., Rev. E. N. Kremer.

St. John's Reformed Church—10 A. M., Rev. Tilghman Derr. 7 P. M., Rev. T. O. Stem.

Zion's Reformed Church—10 A. M., Rev. Eli Keller, D.D. 7 P. M., Rev. J. E. Smith.

Calvary Reformed Church—10 A. M., Rev. J. H. Sechler. 7 P. M., Rev. Ed. C. Hibshman.

Olivet Reformed Church—7 P. M., Rev. J. Alvin Reber.

Presbyterian Church—10.30 A. M., Rev. Prof. Wm. C. Schaeffer. 7 P. M., Rev. Aaron Noll.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church—10.30 A. M., Rev. E. N. Kremer. 7 P. M., Rev. H. T. Spangler.

Sixth Street Evangelical Church—10.00 A. M., Rev. S. M. Roeder.

Berne Reformed Church—Rev. W. G. Engle.

Leesport Reformed Church—Rev. A. R. Hottenstein.

St. Thomas' Reformed Church, Twelfth and Windsor Sts.—Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Pastor: 10.00 A. M., Rev. Geo. E. Addams. 3.00 P. M., Corner Stone Laying: (a) Rev. G. B. Walbert; (b) Rev. Wm. M. Landis.

To the Corner Stone Laying of St. Thomas' Church the Synod is cordially invited.

Y. M. C. A.—3.45 P. M., Rev. C. H. Coon.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS ROBB, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRACTICAL CHURCH WORK.

The following report was presented at the opening of the Synod and was adopted. It is as follows:

Fathers and Brethren—Your Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting, at Allentown, with instructions to select topics on Practical Church Work, appoint speakers, and give due notice of their appointment would beg leave to offer the following report—

We were informed that the appointment of speakers for the several Missionary Services was also delegated to us by the instruction.

Home Missionary Service on Thursday Evening, at 7.30 o'clock, Rev. Dr. John S. Stahr, presiding.

Addresses to be delivered by Revs. Geo. B. Resser and C. W. Levan.

Services on Friday Evening, at 7.30 o'clock, Rev. J. F. Moyer, presiding.

First Topic: Method of Developing Practical Benevolence. Address by Rev. G. A. Schwedes, to be followed by five-minute speeches.

Second Topic: How to Enlist Catechumens in Church Work. Address by Rev. J. B. Henry, to be followed by five minute speeches.

Services on Saturday Evening, at 7.30 o'clock, in the interest of Foreign Missions, Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., presiding.

Address by Rev. Aaron Noll, followed by short voluntary addresses.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MOSSER,
C. F. McCAULEY,
B. BAUSMAN.

At the request of the pastors of Reading, the Synodical Communion was held on the first day of the sessions of Synod, namely, on Thursday, at 10 A. M. The officers of the Synod conducted the services and administered the Holy Communion.

WOMEN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Eastern Synod, held its Second Annual Meeting on Friday, October 17, 1890, in the Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa. The morning session was devoted to business. In the afternoon, addresses were delivered by

Rev. Jno H. Sechler and Rev. A. R. Bartholomew.

A service was held in the evening at 7 o'clock.

An address of welcome to the members of the Women's Missionary Society was delivered by Mrs. Daniel Ermentrout, of Reading, and responded to by Mrs. S. J. Houtz, of Orangeville, Pa.

The President, Mary G. Heitshu, of Lancaster, read the Annual Report of the Society.

The closing address was delivered Mrs. Amelia A. Quinton, President of Women's National Indian Association, in behalf of the Evangelization of the North American Indian.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session on Saturday. It was taken up item by item, acted on, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Classes beg leave to report as follows:

Irregularities

1. East Pennsylvania Classis closed its special meeting with the Benediction only, pp. 4, 5, 22, 44.

2. Lebanon Classis has no date to the call for a special meeting on October 3d, 1889.

3. East Susquehanna Classis has omitted the marginal references.

4. Goshenhoppen Classis does not say that its documents are a correct copy of the original, p. 27.

5. Wyoming Classis furnishes no index, no report on the State of Religion and no statistics.

6. Schuylkill Classis fails to certify to its copy of the State of Religion and statistics.

7. Philadelphia Classis does not give a date on the call for a special meeting, Dec. 3, 1889.

8. West Susquehanna Classis held a special meeting, and only gave four days notice.

Requests.

1. Philadelphia Classis asks to be excused from raising Building Funds for the use of the Tri-Synodic Board, pp. 45, 46.

2. Philadelphia Classis asks Synod to excuse it from taking action to increase the circulation of the *Missionary Herald*, p. 47.

3. An overture from West Susquehanna Classis to Synod, to correct its record, in reference to the withdrawal of one of its members Rev. D. M. Wolf, as a nominee on the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, p. 36.

4. Wyoming Classis overtures the Synod to change its record on p. 18 of the Minutes of Synod, 1889, and instead of stating that Rev. L. C. Edmonds was dismissed to the Congregational Association of New Jersey, to state that Rev. L. C. Edmonds was dismissed to Zion's Classis Synod of the Northwest, p. 34

5. Wyoming Classis overtures Synod to discontinue the Annual Appropriation for a Teacher of Elocution in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Subjects Referred.

The Classis took favorable action upon the subjects referred to them with the following exceptions:

1. West Susquehanna Classis does not see its way clear to carry on its beneficiary operations through Synod's Board, p. 29.

2. West Susquehanna Classis did not act favorably on the Relief Society's request, pp. 29, 30.

3. Tohickon Classis considers the arrearage charged against it for Wichita University as an error, p. 19.

4. Lebanon Classis declines to make apportionment for Harbor Missions, p. 38.

5. Lebanon Classis refuses to accept certain apportionments of Synod, p. 98.

6. Lehigh Classis reiterates its action in reference to copies of German Minutes, p. 39.

7. East Pennsylvania Classis did not adopt specific days for offerings to the cause of Home Missions, p. 22.

8. Goshenhoppen Classis took no favorable action on the request for liberal annual apportionments for Beneficiary Education.

9. Wyoming Classis declines to accept \$24.00 of Synod's pledge to Wichita University, p. 39.

10. Philadelphia Classis holds to its action of last year touching benevolent and educational purposes, p. 47.

Licensure, Ordination, Etc.

East Pennsylvania Classis licensed Urias O. Silvius; ordained, Lic. Samuel A. Hitner, Lic. Chas. B. Weaver, Lic. Russell N. Koplin.

Received Rev. Silas F. Laury from Lancaster Classis, and Lic. Albert Lobach from Lehigh Classis, and dismissed Rev. Joseph H. Schlappig to East Susquehanna Classis, and received Rev. Stewart Mitman from Carlisle Classis, Synod of Potomac.

Lebanon Classis received Rev. Jairus A. Wickert from the Classis of Mercersburg, Synod of Potomac; Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., from the Classis of Philadelphia; Dismissed Rev. Wm. H. Groh to the Classis of Carlisle, Synod of Potomac.

Deposed Rev. Martin L. Fritch from the Ministry of the Gospel.

Philadelphia Classis licensed Charles B. Alspach, Albert H. Hibschan and Joseph W. Bell. Ordained Lic. Chas E. Wehler, Lic. Wilson Delaney, Lic. Chas. B. Alspach, Lic. Albert H. Hibschan. Received Rev. Prof. Geo. Stibbitz, Ph. D. from Lehigh Classis; Rev. Francis C. Yost, from Wyoming Classis; dismissed Rev. James R. Lewis to Tohickon Classis; Lic. W. H. Shepp to St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburg Synod; Lic. Wilson R. Stearly to Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D. to Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. Abram D. Wolfinger to Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio.

Lancaster Classis ordained Licentiates J. V. George, M. M., Noacher; received Lic. J. V. George from Lehigh Classis; Rev. I. E. Graeff, D. D., from Schuylkill Classis; Rev. G. Merle Zacharias, from Somerset Classis, Pittsburg Synod, Lic. M. M. Noacher, from East Susquehanna Classis and Zwingli Reformed Congregation, from Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of the East. Dismissed Rev. S. F. Laury to East Pennsylvania Classis; Rev. J. F. Mackley to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev. W. J. Johnson to Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod.

East Susquehanna Classis licensed Milton M. Noacher; ordained Lic. N. W. Sechler; received Rev. C. W. E. Siegel from Juniata Classis, Synod of Potomac; Rev. J. A. Danner from Tuscarawas Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. J. W. Schlappich from East Pennsylvania Classis; Lic. N. W. Sechler from Goshenhoppen Classis; dismissed Lic. M. M. Noacher to Lancaster Classis; Rev. Samuel Kuhn to West Susquehanna Classis; Rev. T. J. Hacker to Lehigh Classis.

West Susquehanna Classis licensed Miles O. Noll, James L. Roush; ordained Lic's Lewis Robb and Miles O. Noll; received Rev. S. H. Eisenberg from St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburg Synod; Rev.

G. E. Addams from Classis of Carlisle, Potomac Synod ; Lic. J. R. Brown, from Tohickon Classis ; Rev. S. S. Kohler from Wyoming Classis ; Rev. S. Kuhn from East Susquehanna Classis ; Dismissed Lic. J. R. Roush to Goshenhoppen Classis.

Goshenhoppen Classis licensed Abner S. Dechant, Irwin W. Hendricks, Nathan W. Sechler ; received Lic. J. L. Roush from West Susquehanna Classis ; ordained Lic. G. P. Fisher and Lic. J. L. Roush ; dismissed Lic. I. W. Hendricks to Philadelphia Classis, Lic. N. W. Sechler to East Susquehanna Classis, Lic. A. S. Dechant to Kansas Classis, Synod of Interior.

Tohickon Classis licensed James R. Brown, received Rev. James R. Lewis from Philadelphia Classis, Rev. Jonathan W. Miller from Alleghanny Classis, Pittsburg Synod ; dismissed Rev. M. H. Mill to Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburg Synod ; Lic. James R. Brown to West Susquehanna Classis.

Lehigh Classis licensed Geo. W. Richards, Jonathan V. George, Albert Lobach, Raymond E. Butz ; received Rev. F. B. Hahn from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio ; dismissed Lic. J. V. George to Lancaster Classis, Lic. Albert Lobach to East Pennsylvania Classis and the name of Rev. E. A. Gernant was stricken from the roll of ministers.

Schuylkill Classis licensed H. Y. Stoner, ordained Lic's G. B. Walbert, H. A. Frantz, C. E. Bartholomew, S. E. Stofflett, H. Y. Stoner, T. J. Bowers ; received T. J. Bowers from Wyoming Classis, Rev. W. H. Shepp from St. Paul's Classis, Synod of Pittsburg ; dismissed Rev. I. E. Graeff, D. D. to Classis of Lancaster Rev. S. E. Stofflett, Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod ; Lic. D. W. Albright to Lancaster Classis.

Wyoming Classis licensed T. J. Bower, dismissed Lic. T. J. Bower to Schuylkill Classis, Rev. S. S. Kohler to West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. F. C. Yost to Philadelphia Classis, Rev. L. C. Edmonds to Zion's Classis, Synod of North West ; received Lic. G. H. Miller from East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. D. W. Ebbert from Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio ; ordained Lic. Wm. T. Auman and Lic. G. W. Miller.

Time and Place of Meeting.

East Pennsylvania Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, East Mauch Chunk, Carbon Co., Pa., on Thursday, May

21st, A. D. 1891, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. Geo. B. Smith, *President*; Rev. T. O. Stem, *Stated Clerk*.

Lebanon Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., on Wednesday preceeding Ascension Day, May 6th, A. D. 1891, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. A. J. Bachman, *President*; Rev. J. E. Hiester, D. D., *Stated Clerk*.

Philadelphia Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa., first Thursday evening in June, 1891, at 8 o'clock. Rev. S. U. Snyder, *President*; Rev. Jno H. Sechler, *Stated Clerk*.

Lancaster Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa., on Thursday after Whitsunday, May 21st, A. D. 1891, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Samuel L. Roeder, *President*; Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, *Stated Clerk*.

East Susquehanna Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church at Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., on first Wednesday after Whitsunday, May 20th, A. D. 1891, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. Geo. B. Dechant, *President*; Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach, *Stated Clerk*.

West Susquehanna Classis will meet in Christ Reformed Church, Madisonburg, Centre Co., Pa., the third Wednesday of May, A. D. 1891, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Geo. W. Gerhard, *President*; Rev. Wm. A. Haas, *Stated Clerk*.

Goshenhoppen Classis will meet in Christ Reformed Church, Towamencin, Mont. Co., Pa., on Wednesday before Ascension Day, May 6th, A. D. 1891, at 1 o'clock, P. M. Rev. S. M. K. Huber, *President*; Rev. C. S. Wieand, *Stated Clerk*.

Tohickon Classis will meet in Christ Reformed Church, Lower Saucon, Northampton Co., Pa., Friday after Ascension Day, May 8th, 1891, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. J. Rothrock, *President*; Rev. N. Z. Snyder, *Stated Clerk*.

Lehigh Classis will meet in the Reformed Chapel at Fleetwood, Berks Co., Pa., on Monday evening, May 18th, A. D. 1891, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. W. R. Hofford, D. D., *President*; Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, *Stated Clerk*.

Schuylkill Classis will meet in St. Mark's Reformed Church, Tremont, Pa., on second Monday evening of May, A. D. 1891, at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, *President*; Rev. C. B. Schneder, *Stated Clerk*.

Wyoming Classis will meet in Zion's Reformed Church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne Co., Pa., May 20th, A. D. 1891, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. B. Kershner, *President*; Rev. D. E. Schoedler, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ALVIN REBER, *Chairman*.

For the action of Synod on the Irregularities and Requests, see Article XMI, References. Under the head of subjects referred the items 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, were adopted. For the Action of Synod on the remaining items under the head, viz: 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, see Article XVI, Reference and Appeal. The remaining items of the Report on Minutes of Classes were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee, on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination, would respectfully report, that no applicant appeared for examination, and that no other matters were referred to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI KELLER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The following Report on Religion and Morals was received and adopted. The Report is as follows, to wit:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren.—Your Committee on State of Religion and Morals would beg leave to offer the following report:

In comparing the classical reports on the State of Religion and Morals that have come into the hands of your Committee, we find that they make a wonderfully beautiful mosaic. This mosaic consists, as all mosaics do, of light and shadow, not all light and not all shadow, but more light than shadow; but the shadows, or sombre colors, serve to bring out more distinctly and prominently the brighter hues. Let us first look at the bright side of the picture.

All the reports contain a grateful acknowledgement of God's

goodness in vouchsafing unto the stewards of His mysteries, that measure of health and strength, that was necessary for the performance of the duties pertaining to their high calling, without much interruption during the year, notwithstanding the Grippe and the unfavorable condition of the weather and the roads. The ministers of our church were abundant in labors. They preached the Word, in season and out of season, administered the sacraments, catechized and confirmed the youth, visited the sick and the dying and administered unto them the consolations of our holy religion, and buried the dead, improving these latter occasions for the spiritual profit of the mourners and others. Through the preaching of the Gospel, they also gathered sinners out of the world into the kingdom of grace, there to be saved by Christ through the means of grace, that are at hand in that kingdom. In order to do this work, most of them had to travel miles and endure many hardships. But they performed their duty in that spirit of self-denial for the Master's sake, which is the root of all Christian endeavor, and of which the Master himself was the most conspicuous illustration; and in that faith of which it is said that it "marches to battle with a psalm, suffers with a hymn upon its lips, glorifies God in the fires, passes out of this world to the tune of the Te Deum, and not to the dolorous note of a dirge." .

Cheerful and cheering evidence is borne to the fact, that the attendance on the regular Lord's Day services is greatly on the increase, and that the ordinance of the Lord's Supper is so much the more faithfully observed than heretofore, that the hope is indulged that the time is not far distant when the disparity between the total and the communicant membership will not be nearly as great as it is at present. This increased attendance on the services of the sanctuary is the fruit of earnest preachings on the subject. And the Gospel of Christ is the only instrumentality by means of which a reform in this or any other respect can be brought about. "Not by power or by might, but by my spirit," saith the Lord, and the Gospel is the instrument in and through which the Spirit works. The kingdom of Christ is a spiritual kingdom, and only by spiritual means can its ends be promoted. The entrance into the mind of the light that shines forth from the Gospel giveth light and knowledge, dispelling the ignorance and darkness with which the mind is enveloped. All of good in mediæval chivalry—its

honor, its regard for woman, and for the rights and property of others—it owed to the Gospel. Every advance that has been made in civilization has been the fruit, the result of the taking up into the conscience of the people of some isolated truth or truths contained in God's Word. It was in this way that slavery was abolished, and it is in this way, and in this way only, that all the evils from which our age suffers—intemperance, the social evil, the conflict between capital and labor—can be done away with. Let, during the coming year, the Gospel be preached still more earnestly, and plainly and pointedly, with faith in its power, and in its adaptation to the needs of individuals and of society, and there will be brought about in the church a state of religion and morals brighter and better even than that of which we have such a cheering evidence this year. For, if the power of the Gospel, of religion, lies in God, then that power is equal to any demand. The harder the case, the more signally is the power displayed. Some ministers forget this. They try the Gospel only on easy cases of men and conditions. Decorous and kid-gloved sinners they venture to approach, but not the slums. Now the poor, the miserable, the blind, the naked are the fit subjects of the efforts of ministers in and out of the pulpit. It is the publicans and harlots that constitute the chronic despair of civilization. Human power can do nothing with these. How much more important, therefore, that the Gospel should take them in hand and cleanse them. Let the churches adjust this power to this need. Their failure to do so has in a large measure, given rise to the Salvation Army. That organization has got hold of a right idea. The idea may be travestied but it is a right one. Some people are given too much to obscuring what is valuable by indulging their keen perception of what is absurd, and in this spirit they will not allow that the Salvation Army can be commended for the aim it has in view. Its way of procedure may be grotesque, yea, even bizarre, at times, but who will deny that it has in some cases been salutary? We love them, because they love our common Lord; and if we will not have them do the work of reaching the lower classes in their way, then let the churches do that necessary and important work—that Christ commanded work—in their way.

Another feature of the bright side of the picture is seen in the enlarged spirit of liberality and benevolence among our people.

From the reports we learn that there is larger giving, more frequent giving, and more systematic giving than ever before. Our people are beginning to realize that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and that the reflect influence, or effect, of benevolence on the benevolent is a good, conducing to the development and growth of their spiritual life. Our church is beginning to see that no church can prosper, if she neglect missionary and other benevolent work; that the church that puts this work into a corner, will be put in a corner herself; that, therefore the church must carry forward this work for her own sake, as well as for the sake of others; that not only others cannot be saved, but that she herself cannot be saved if she neglects this work. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Another sign of awakened interest and activity in the church is the organization of an unusually large number of new congregations, the planting of new missions, the erection of many new houses of worship, and the repairing of old ones, and the organization under the auspices of the church, of auxilliary societies, such as the Society of Christian Endeavor, Chapters of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Phillip, Women's Missionary Societies, and others of like character. There are no full means for comparison at hand, but your committee would not be surprised if it should prove to be the fact, that the churches having these auxilliary helps, show the greatest dregree of prosperity. Let us look a moment at the dark side of the picture, as we gather it from the reports. Worldliness, selfishness, immorality, strife, contention, divisions, insubordination to the rightfully constituted authorities of the church, on the part of individuals and of congregations, and, alas! at times also on the part of pastors, neglect of church disciplines, these and other things are the tares which the arch-enemy of souls sows among the wheat. And as between the church and the world, the combat deepens, the conflict grows fiercer. The more and better efforts the church puts forth to establish the Kingdom of Christ in the world, both extensively and intensively, the more the Devil bruises her heel and tries to thwart her efforts. The more the light of Christ's Gospel shines into the spiritual darkness of this world, the more that darkness is revealed, and the more it is revealed by the light of God's truth, the more it resists that truth. And as the powers of darkness are thus revealed, the church can see the magnitude of the task that is before her; and realizing that in and of

herself, she is not equal to the task, she will flee for help to Him, who has promised, that He will be with her alway, and that the gates of hell shall not prevail against her.

NECROLOGY.

The report of the Lancaster Classis records the death of Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Higbee was well and favorably known in the church. He was a magnetic speaker, both in the pulpit and on the rostrum. He had acquired a national fame as an educator. Personally, he was loved by all that knew him; even his failings learned to virtue's side. Of him it may be said in the language of Goldsmith:

"To relieve the wretched was his pride,
And e'en his failings learned to virtue's side;
But in his duty prompt and every call,
He watched, and wept, and prayed for all,
And as a bird each fond endearment tries,
To tempt its new-fledged offspring to the skies,
He tried each art, reprov'd each dull delay,
Allured to brighter worlds and led the way."

Tohicken Classis reports the death of Rev. A. J. Ziegler, who died comparatively young. East Susquehanna Classis reports the death of Rev. A. S. Stauffer, who died very suddenly, and that of Rev. W. B. Sandoe, who died after a long and severe illness. Schuylkill Classis reports the death of Rev. Jacob Kline, who died full of years and labors. East Pennsylvania Classis reports the death of Elder Thos. J. Miller, who was often on the floor of Classis and on Synod, and who took a deep interest in all the affairs of the Church of Christ; and Lebanon Classis reports the death of Elder Ephriam B. Shuey, who was revered by all who knew him. These brethren are now a part of that great cloud of witnesses by which we are encompassed, and their departure should urge us to greater diligence and faithfulness in the performance of our ministerial duties. Brethren, let us "work while it is called to-day, ere the night cometh in which no man can work." And now "may the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. SCHOEDLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

*I. Report of the Trustees and Visitors.**(a.) Report of Board of Trustees.*

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

DEAR BRETHREN: I enclose the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and would beg leave further to say: That two meetings of the Board of Trustees, have been held during the year. One at Lancaster on the 8th of May, and the other at Harrisburg on the 25th of September.

At the first meeting the following members were present: D. W. Gross, President, Geo. W. Hensel, C. A. Schultz, Geo. G. Heilman and John D. Skiles. The names of John B. Roth and Geo. B. Kunkel were obtained afterwards to ratify the proceedings.

On motion, D. W. Gross was elected President, Geo. W. Hensel, Vice-President, J. B. Roth, Treasurer, and Geo. Z. Kunkel, Secretary, for the ensuing year. The President appointed Messrs. Gross, Hensel, Roth, Kunkel and Skiles the Executive Committee.

On motion of Mr. Hensel the Board adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M., at the College building on the 17th of June next. Adjourned.

No quorum present on the 17th of June. No meeting was held.

At the meeting of the 25th of September, the following members were present, I. H. Keiffer, C. A. Schultz, A. G. Renninger, Israel Laucks, Geo. G. Heilman, J. B. Roth, Geo. Z. Kunkel and D. W. Gross.

Treasurer J. B. Roth presented his Annual Report. Messrs. Keiffer, Schultz and Renninger were appointed to audit the same, and having done so, reported the amount correct, with a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$686.39.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted, "That the Seminary Board request the Synods to provide by apportionment on the Classes, the sum of \$250 to pay salary of Teacher of Elocution, for the coming year, and that the amount so apportioned, be paid to the Treasurer of Synod, and through him to the Treasurer of Theological Seminary. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. Z. KUNKEL,

Sec'y. Board of Trustees Theological Seminary.

HARRISBURG, Oct. 9, 1890.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY TO SEPT. 25th, 1890.**

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of
the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1889.		DR.
Sept.	26. For amount balance due, ...	\$936 34
"	27. For interest, H. Groff, to Oct. 1, 1890, ...	30 00
"	27. " F. Schaum, to Oct. 1, 1890, ...	18 00
"	28. " W. Susq. Classis, on account, ...	5 22
"	30. " Lebanon Classis, to July 1, 1889, ...	45 00
"	30. " Jacob Fritz, to Oct. 1, 1889, ...	82 50
Oct.	1. " Home Bonds, to Oct. 1, 1889, ...	5 00
"	1. " S. M. Keen, to Oct. 1, 1889, ...	75 00
"	1. " L. P. Titus, to Oct. 1, 1889, ...	2 25
"	1. " J. G. Simmons, to Oct. 6, 1889, ...	105 00
"	5. " S. G. Wagner, D. D., in full, ...	3 00
"	9. " Kieffer Legacy, to Oct. 1, 1889, J. J. Nissley, Treasurer, ...	237 50
"	9. " Cook Legacy, Sept. 1, 1889, ...	60 00
"	16. " Jno. F. Bossler, to Oct. 1, 1889, ...	30 00
"	23. " St. Stephen's Chapel, Oct. 29, 1890, ...	42 00
Nov.	5. " E. H. Killough, Nov. 1, 1889, ...	75 00
"	30. " Richardson Mortgage, Dec. 1, 1889, ...	29 75
"	30. " Strohm Mortgage, Dec. 1, 1889, ...	87 50
Dec.	24. " Mercersburg Classis, Jan. 1, 1890, ...	24 00
"	26. " St. John's Reformed Church, Shamo- kin, Oct. 1, 1889, ...	30 00
"	31. " Fink Mortgage, to Jan. 1, 1890, ...	8 75
1890.		
Jan.	3. " Routh Mortgage, to Dec. 19, 1889, ...	41 75
"	17. " Coen Mortgage, to Jan. 9, 1890, ...	21 00
"	20. " P. M. Ermentrout, on account, ...	100 00
"	23. " Jno. H. Brubaker, to April 1, 1890, ...	90 00
"	29. " Allemania F. Ins. Co., Div'd No. 32, ...	15 00
Feb.	8. " Thos. G. Apple, D. D., to Jan. 1, 1890, ...	12 00
"	15. " W. Lysinger, to Nov. 15, 1889, ...	30 00
"	8. " E. End. R. W. Co., in full, ...	40 00
"	24. " Lane & Co., to Feb. 1, 1890, ...	150 00
Mar.	22. " Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds, to Dec. 1, 1890, ...	150 00
"	24. " F. Schaum, to April 1, 1890, ...	15 00
"	29. " J. Fritz and Wife, to April 1, 1890, ...	82 50
"	29. " E. S. Stehman, to Feb. 3, 1890, ...	30 00
"	31. " Geo. Carbaugh, to April 1, 1890, ...	120 00
Apr.	1. " S. J. Johnston, to April 1, 1890, ...	60 00
"	1. " S. H. Keen, April 1, 1890, ...	75 00
"	1. " Aaron Cunkle, to April 1, 1890, ...	60 00
"	1. " on Loan, ...	2 00
"	2. " S. G. Wagner, D. D., to April 1, 1890, ...	7 20
"	3. " Newton Groff, to April 1, 1890, ...	30 00
"	3. " Mich'l Westley, to April 1, 1890, ...	42 00
"	3. " S. Harlin, to April 1, 1890, ...	190 26
"	3. " W. H. Rinier, to April 1, 1890, ...	60 00
"	4. " John F. Bossler, to April 1, 1890, ...	30 00
"	4. " Henry Keen, to April 1, 1890, ...	30 00

Apr.	5.	For Interest, Isaac G. Simmons, to April 6, 1890, ...	\$105 00
"	10.	" Jacob Heyser, on account, ...	200 00
"	11.	" P. M. Ermentrout, on account, ...	100 00
"	18.	" Job Robinson, to April 25, 1890, ...	36 00
"	20.	" Geo. W. Schroyer, to Feb. 8, 1890, ...	105 00
"	21.	" A. H. Christ, to April 1, 1890, ...	90 00
"	22.	" John Becker, to Feb. 28, 1890, ...	240 00
"	25.	" Keefer & Co., to April 21, 1890, ...	120 00
"	26.	" Jacob Heyser, on account, ...	100 00
"	28.	" Kieffer and Cook Legacies, Jno J. Nissley, Treasurer, ...	267 50
"	29.	" St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, to April 1, 1890, ...	30 00
May	1.	" Zion's Classis, to May 1, 1890, ...	23 22
"	3.	" E. H. Killough, to May 1, 1890, ...	75 00
"	7.	" Juniata Classis, to July 1, 1890, ...	8 70
June	14.	" Anna M. Eyerman, to June 13, 1890, ...	50 00
"	14.	" Richardson Mortgage, to June 1, 1890, ...	29 75
"	19.	" Routh Mortgage, to June 19, 1890, ...	41 75
"	23.	" H. B. Hartman & Co., to June 21, 1890, ...	200 00
July	14.	" Allemania F. Ins. Co., ...	20 00
"	14.	" Harrisburg Bridge Co., ...	4 10
"	23.	" Lebanon Classis, to July 1, 1890, ...	15 00
Aug.	5.	" on Loan, ...	7 08
"	11.	" W. Lysinger, to May 15, 1890, ...	30 00
"	29.	" Lehigh V. R. R. Bonds June 1, 1890, ...	150 00
Sept.	1.	" Wyoming Classis, to July 1, 1890, ...	15 00
"	4.	" Coen Mortgage, to July 9, 1890, ...	21 00
"	9.	" John Becker, to Aug. 28, 1890, ...	240 00
"	12.	" Allentown Female Col., to July 1, 1890, ...	75 00
"	12.	" Loan, ...	2.48
"	13.	" W. Susq. Classis, on account, ...	12 37
"	23.	" Aid Fund and Elocution, ...	472 53

\$6,302 00

1899.				C.R.
Sept.	27.	By amount paid	W. D. Sprecher's bill, ...	\$ 5 00
Oct.	10.	"	C. H. Leonard's bill, ...	3 00
"	12.	"	St. Stephen's Chapel, ...	12 00
"	31.	"	A. H. Kremer, D. D., by order of Synod, ...	45 80
Nov.	9.	"	E. V. Gerhart, D. D., salary, ...	200 00
"	9.	"	Thos. G. Apple, D. D., salary, ...	200 00
"	9.	"	F. A. Gast, D. D., salary, ...	200 00
Dec.	10.	"	E. V. Gerhart, Salary to Jan. 1, 1890, ...	175 00
"	10.	"	Thos. G. Apple, salary to Jan. 1, 1890, ...	175 00
"	10.	"	F. A. Gast, salary to Jan. 1, 1890, ...	175 00
1890.				
Jan.	3.	"	F. Pfeiffer, bill, ...	2 56
"	9.	"	Stoner, Shreiner & Co., ...	90
"	15.	"	Janitor, services to Jan. 1, 1890, ...	50 00
Feb.	6.	"	T. G. Apple, on account, salary, ...	200 00
"	6.	"	E. V. Gerhart, on account, salary, ...	200 00
"	6.	"	F. A. Gast, on account, salary, ...	200 00
"	6.	"	Roth, treasurer, on account, ...	50 00
"	19.	"	Hager & Bro., bill, ...	8 53

Feb.	26.	By amount paid	W. U. Hensel, professional services,	50 00
Mar.	7.	"	New Era Printing Co., bill for 1890,	\$ 27 85
"	11.	"	E. V. Gerhart, salary to Apr. 1, 1890,	175 00
"	11.	"	T. G. Apple, salary to Apr. 1, 1890, ..	175 00
"	11.	"	F. A. Gast, salary to Apr. 1, 1890, ..	175 00
"	22.	"	Seminary Ad. in Almanac, 1890, ...	12 00
Apr.	12.	"	E. V. Gerhart, bill of envelopes and stamps, ...	4 05
May	15.	"	Thos. G. Apple, on account, salary, ..	200 00
"	15.	"	E. V. Gerhart, on account, salary, ..	200 00
"	15.	"	F. A. Gast, on account, salary, ...	200 00
"	27.	"	Silas S. Neff, elocution, ...	250 00
June	9.	"	Seminary Ad. in Oriflamme, ...	9 00
"	10.	"	T. G. Apple, salary to July 1, 1890, ..	175 00
"	10.	"	E. V. Gerhart, salary to July 1, 1890,	175 00
June	10.	"	F. A. Gast, salary to July 1, 1890, ..	175 00
"	10.	"	Janitor's service to July 1, 1890, ...	100 00
"	30.	"	T. Humphreville's bill, ...	6 75
July	9.	"	H. C. Kinstry's bill, ...	2 25
"	9.	"	Wohlsen's bill Dec. 9, 1889, ...	2 05
"	31.	"	E. V. Gerhart, account salary, ...	200 00
"	31.	"	T. G. Apple, account salary, ...	200 00
"	31.	"	F. A. Gast, account salary, ...	200 00
Aug.	25.	"	J. P. Schaum's bill, ...	1 10
"	20.	"	Wohlsen's bill, repairs, ...	15 04
"	27.	"	B. B. Martin's bill, coal, ...	60 00
Sept.	5.	"	E. V. Gerhart, salary to Oct. 1, 1890,	175 00
"	5.	"	T. G. Apple, salary to Oct. 1, 1890, ..	175 00
"	5.	"	F. A. Gast, salary to Oct. 1, 1890, ..	175 00
"	5.	"	Janitor's service to Oct. 1, 1890, ..	50 00
"	5.	"	Library Fund to Oct. 1, 1890, ...	79 19
"	5.	"	Treasurer's salary to Oct. 1, 1890, ..	150 00
"	5.	"	P. O. Stamps, etc., ...	5 00
"	9.	"	Geo Pontz, bill, painting at E. V. G.,	21 09
"	9.	"	Stoner, Shriner & Co., ...	1 95
"	9.	"	Klopp, legacy to Oct. 1, 1890, ...	40 00
"	19.	"	W. U. Hensel, prof. services 1890, ..	50 00
				<u>\$5,615 61</u>
Balance due Theological Seminary, ...				<u>686 39</u>

Sept. 25, 1890.

J. B. ROTH, *Treasurer*.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in account with Aid and Elocution
Fund of Theological Seminary.*

1889.	For amount received of	DR.
Sept. 27.	I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis of Elocution, ...	\$ 12 00
" 28.	Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. of W. Susq. Classis, ...	11 00
" 30.	Henry Wirt, Treas. of Potomac Synod, ...	70 74
Oct. 1.	Jacob K. Funck, Treas. of Lebanon Classis, per John J. Nissly, Treas. of Synod, ...	51 00
" 3.	Rev. C. G. Fisher, of Philadelphia, ...	22 00
" 9.	John J. Nissly, Treas. from E. Susq. Classis, Geo. Hill, Esq., Treas., ...	28 00

1890.			
Jan.	23.	Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Treas. of Lehigh Classis, Elocution and Seminary Aid,.....	24 00
"	24.	Schuylkill Classis, per John J. Nissly, Treas. of Synod,	48 00
Apr.	16.	D. B. Manger, Treas. of Goshenhoppen Classis,.....	38 00
"	25.	Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. of Lancaster Classis, ..	20 74
"	25.	Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis,.....	15 00
May	16.	Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. W. Susq. Classis,.....	10 50
June	18.	Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Treas. of Lehigh Classis,.....	36 00
July	14.	Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. of Lancaster Classis, ..	3 64
Sept.	13.	Rev. W. Haas, Treas. W. Susquehanna Classis,.....	2 65
"	16.	Henry Wirt, Treas. of Potomac Synod, in full to Oct. 1, 1890,.....	79 26
			<u>\$472 53</u>

See credit for same in current expense account of
Seminary.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

Theological Seminary Library Account—JOHN B. ROTH, Treas.

1889.		Amount of Fund is.....	\$1819 96
Sept.	26.	For balance due to date,.....	\$64 92
Oct.	7.	For interest from John Miley, Esq.,.....	45 00
1890.			
Sept.	5.	For interest received to Oct. 1, 1890,.....	79 19
			<u>\$189 11</u>

1889.		CR.	
Sept.	27.	By bill paid A. C. Armstrong & Son,.....	\$ 4 70
Oct.	31.	" " W. H. Roy, ...	3 00
Dec.	28.	" " Armstrong & Son,.....	28 62
1890.			
Feb.	6.	" " Armstrong & Son,.....	1 87
"	20.	" " W. H. Roy, ...	7 20
Mar.	20.	" " Stoddart & Co.,.....	6 00
Apr.	21.	" " Zahm & Co.,.....	15 16
July	14.	" " F. W. Christern,.....	2 80
Sept.	9.	" " Zahm & Co.,.....	19 88
			<u>89 23</u>
			<u>\$99 88</u>

With bills payable for Books ordered
amounting to about Fifty Dollars.

Building Fund.

1890.			
Sept.		Principal is	\$12,883 05
		Interest on same included in current expense account of Seminary.	

Pittsburg Prof. Fund.

1890.			
Sept.		Principal is.....	\$1,718 30
		Interest on same included in current expense account of Seminary.	

Smaltz Fund.

1890.			
Sept.	Principal is.....		\$5,000 00-
1889.		DR.	
Nov. 25.	For interest received to Oct. 1, 1889,.....		\$137 50
1890.			
May 7.	For interest received to April, 1, 1890,.....		137 50
			<u>\$275 00</u>
1889.		CR.	
Dec. 24.	By interest paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas.,.....		137 50
1890.			
Jun. 11.	By interest paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas.,.....		137 50
			<u>\$275 00</u>

Endowment Fund.

Account as per report made Sept. 26, 1889,.... \$77,857 06-

DR.

1889.	For amount received of		
Oct. 5.	S. G. Wagner, D. D., Chairman of Committee of Synod,.....	\$ 5 00	
1890.			
Apr. 2.	S. G. Wagner, D. D., Chairman of Committee of Synod,.....	30 00	
" 2.	S. G. Wagner, D. D., Chairman of Committee of Synod,.....	30 00	
May 22.	S. G. Wagner, D. D., Chairman of Committee of Synod,.....	165 50	
" 14.	I. G. Gerhart, Treas. of Tohickon Classis,.....	161 00	
Apr. 17.	Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Treasurer of Lehigh Classis,.....	27 00	
May 24.	Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Treasurer of Lehigh Classis,.....	46 34	
July 25.	Rev. Dr. S. G. Wagner, ...	25 00	
			<u>489 84</u>
			\$78,346 90
		CR.	

Less amount of note canceled by order of Executive Committee of the Board,.....	50 00
	<u>\$78,296 90</u>

Prize Essay Fund in Church History,

1890.		
Sept. 25.	To cash received on account of same by Treas.	<u>550 00</u>

Respectfully presented,

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

Lancaster, Sept. 25, 1890.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasury of Theological Seminary, reported that we find them correct.

I. H. KEEFER,

C. A. SHULTZ,

A. G. RENNINGER.

LANCASTER, Sept. 25, 1890.

(b) Report of the Board of Visitors.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church :

DEAR BRETHREN : The undersigned respectfully presents to your honorable body, the annual report of the Board of Visitors, of the Theological Seminary, for the years 1889-90 :

At the opening of the Seminary, in September, 1889, the following students were admitted to the Junior Class: Henry H. Apple, Albert B. Bauman, Edgar Campbell, Atvill Conner, Jr.; Charles E. Creitz, Samuel G. Hetrick, William M. Irvine, Charles H. Keller, U. Oliver H. Kershner, Gotthold A. Neff, Frederick A. Rupley, Charles E. Schaeffer, Isaac M. Schaeffer, Andrew H. Smith, George B. Smith, E. Wm. Stonebraker, Simon U. Waigaman. Of these, thirteen had graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, one at Princeton, one at Lehigh University, and the remaining two had studied at other institutions.

Of the nine students of the Middle Class reported last year, all returned to the Seminary except Mr. Edward C. Musselman, who was compelled on account of ill-health to be absent during the entire year. Mr. Henry D. Patton, a graduate of Waynesburg College after having sustained a satisfactory examination, was admitted as a regular member of the class.

The following members of the Senior Class, having completed their studies and sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board, were regularly dismissed, and at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last, were all awarded the usual testimonial except two, who received testimonials that they had pursued a partial course in the Seminary: Daniel W. Albright, Thomas J. Bower, James R. Brown, Raymond E. Butz, Morris W. Christman, Abner S. Dechant, Harry F. Ditmar, Jonathan V. George, Irwin W. Hendricks, Stanley L. Krebs, Albert E. Lobach, Monroe M. Noacher, Miles O. Noll, George W. Richards, J. Lucian Rousch and Elmer E. Weller.—Total 16.

Thus it will be seen that during the last year, there were forty-two students in connection with the Seminary, seventeen in the Junior, nine in the Middle, and sixteen in the Senior Class, showing an encouraging increase in the number of candidates for the Holy Ministry.

Nothing of special importance occurred during the year, requiring the action of the Board. The prevailing epidemic slightly interrupted the studies of the students for a short time. One of them on account of ill health was compelled to discontinue his studies for the year. Three felt it their duty to teach during a part of the year in order to secure funds to pay their expenses.

The Board are of the opinion that the instructions in elocution, should be continued during the present year, and requests that arrangements be made to pay the salary of the teacher,—\$250 by the three Synods; \$100 by the Eastern Synod; \$75 by the Synod of the Potomac; and \$75 by the Synod of Pittsburgh.

It gives us pleasure to report that the result of our supervision of the Seminary as a Board has been satisfactory. The professors have sought to discharge their duties in a satisfactory manner, and the conduct of the students as well as their diligence in the prosecution of their studies have been such as to commend them to their teachers. The examinations were approved as satisfactory, perhaps more so than usual, by the Board. On the whole, the year has been one of more than ordinary prosperity to our school of the prophets; and the prospects for the future are also encouraging. The present year opens with forty-seven students on the roll. For all this our thanks are due to the great Head of the Church, who has thus enabled us to provide for the wants of the flock committed to our charge.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary.*

LANCASTER, October 13, 1890.

(c) *Report of Treasurer of Board of Education.*

Board of Education of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in Account with CHAS. G. FISHER, Treasurer.

1889.

CR.

Oct. 1. By balance in Treasury.....	\$1,251 10
By cash per Rev. T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis.....	530 00
“ per J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. of Lancaster Classis...	250 00
“ per Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Treas. of Lehigh Classis...	125 00
“ per Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, Treas. of Virginia Classis...	18 00
“ per I. G. Gerhart, Treas. of Tohickon Classis.....	478 00

By cash per J. K. Funck, Treas. of Lebanon Classis.....	\$ 4 69
“ per J. B. Roth, Treas. Theo. Sem., Klopp Legacy.....	40 00
“ per “ “ “ “ Smaltz Fund.....	275 00
“ per J. J. Nissley, Treas. E. Synod, Gerhart Legacy....	6 00
“ per H. Bentz, Treas of St. John's Ch., Lebanon, Pa....	150 00
“ per Dr. E. I. Santee, Treas. of Christ Church, Phila..	19 59
“ per Whitemarsh Cog'n, Rev. J. D. Detrick, Treas.....	25 00
“ per Interest on Loans.....	223 42
“ Dividends Harrisburg National Bank.....	22 50
Total,.....	\$3,418 58
DR.	
To cash paid beneficiaries of East Penna. Classis.....	\$530 00
“ “ Lancaster Classis.....	250 00
“ “ Lehigh Classis.....	125 00
“ “ Tohickon Classis.....	478 00
“ “ Lebanon Classis.....	150 00
“ “ General Fund.....	905 00
“ “ Smaltz Fund.....	290 00
“ Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D., salary as Secretary.....	20 00
“ For expenses to and from Lancaster, Pa.....	4 25
1890.	
Oct 1. Balance in Treasury.....	666 05
	\$3418 58

This certifies that the undersigned, as instructed by the Board, has examined the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, and after comparing it with accompanying vouchers, has found it to be correct.

THEODORE APPEL.

(d) Report of the Committee on the Endowment of a New Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee has nothing special to report to you at this time. Some few of the Classes at their last annual meetings took favorable action in one form or another, which, no doubt, will materialize in the near future.

Other Classes promised to do something later on. No individual subscriptions or obligations were received during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

II. Report on the Theological Seminary.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminary, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, presented its report on Monday during the afternoon session. The report was considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. It read as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary begs leave to offer the following report :

The following documents were referred to us : (a) The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary ; (b) The report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary ; (c) The report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary ; (d) The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education ; (e) The report of the Committee on the Endowment of a new Professorship in the Theological Seminary.

From these reports we learn the following facts to which we call the special attention of the Synod :

1. On Sept. 25th, 1889, there was a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$686.39

2. From the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, we learn that there are funds in his hands to the amount of \$100,268.31, of which \$78,296.90 belongs to the Endowment Fund ; \$550.00, to the Prize Essay Fund in Church History ; \$12,883.05, to the Building Fund ; \$1,718.30, to the Pittsburg Professorship fund ; \$5,000.00, to the Smaltz Fund ; and \$1,819.96 to the Library Fund.

3. From the report of the Board of Visitors, we learn that at the opening of the Seminary in September, 1889, 17 young men were admitted into the Junior Class ; that the Middle Class had 8 members ; and that at the end of the year, 14 members of the Senior Class completed the full course of study and two partial courses. Forty-two students were thus connected with the Seminary during the year. We also learn that at the opening of the present year there are forty-seven students on roll. The past year was in every respect satisfactory to the Board of Visitors, and the outlook for the future is said to be encouraging.

4. We are also pleased to learn that regular instruction in Elocution was given, as in former years. This Synod is overtured to contribute \$100.00 toward the payment of the salary of a teacher of Elocution during the coming year.

5. From the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, we learn that the receipts for the past year were \$3,418.58 ; expenditures, \$2,752.53, leaving a balance of \$666.05.

6. From the Report of the Committee on the Endowment of a

new Professorship in the Theological Seminary, we learn that nothing was done during the past year.

The Committee recommend the following resolutions for adoption :

Resolved, 1. That this Synod has heard with pleasure that there was a balance in the treasury of \$686.39 at the close of the Seminary year.

Resolved, 2. That Synod acknowledges, with profound gratitude to Almighty God, the evidences of divine favor upon the Seminary ; and that the Synod has learned with great satisfaction that the number of students in the Seminary is larger than ever before in its history, and that its professors and students were faithful in the discharge of their duties.

Resolved, 3. That the ministers be again affectionately reminded that they ought to seek out worthy young men for the ministry.

Resolved, 4. That Synod assume the sum of \$100.00, to be appropriated among the classes, towards paying the salary of a teacher of Elocution for the Seminary.

Resolved, 5. That the Committee on the Endowment of a new Professorship, be continued ; but that inasmuch as nothing was done during the past year in the way of raising funds for the said Endowment, and in view of the urgent necessity of a new Seminary building, this work be held in abeyance for the present so that the energies of Synod and the people may be directed to the raising of funds for such a building.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman.*

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod.—Daniel W. Gross, Harrisburg, Pa.; Geo. W. Hensel, Quarryville, Pa.; Geo. Z. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa.; J. B. Roth, Lancaster, Pa.; John D. Skiles, Lancaster, Pa.; Charles Santee, Philadelphia, Pa.; Geo. G. Heilman, Dale, Pa.; Aaron G. Renninger, Allentown, Pa.

Pittsburg Synod.—Hon. Wm. J. Baer, Somerset, Pa.; Peter S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.; John Troxell, Greensburg, Pa.; W. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.

Potomac Synod.—Geo. N. Forney, Hanover, Pa.; Peter C. Weist, York, Pa.; George L. Freet, Altoona, Pa.; Henry J.

Seibert, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Israel Laucks, York, Pa.; H. Wirt Schriver, Union Mills, Md.

Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.

Eastern Synod.—Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D., Allentown, Pa.; Rev. Charles F. McCauley, D. D., Reading, Pa.; Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D., Easton, Pa.; Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D. D., Easton, Pa.

Pittsburg Synod.—Rev. Lucian Cort, Greensburg, Pa.; Rev. A. E. Truxal, Manor Station, Pa.

Potomac Synod.—Rev. A. H. Kremer, D. D., Carlisle, Pa.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Frederick, Md.; Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Hagerstown, Md.; Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Mt. Crawford, Va.

III. The Professorship of the Potomac Synod.

The following communications were received on Monday, Oct. 20, 1890, and read before Synod by Dr. S. N. Callender, of Virginia Classis, Synod of Potomac. The communications were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. E. N. Kremer, S. P. Brown, Wm. L. Landis and Elders, Wm. R. Lawfer and Wm. Moyer. The papers are the following, to wit:

To the Reverend Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The following action was unanimously adopted by the Synod of the Potomac at its session on Thursday morning, the 16th instant, to wit:

“Your special committee who was charged with the duty of formulating a minute expressive of the sense of this Synod of her relation to the Professor to be chosen by her to the Chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Seminary at Lancaster, her right and powers in the election of an occupant of that Chair, and also her rights of control over the endowment fund of said Professorship, begs leave to report, that after a careful consideration of the whole subject and the important interests involved; your committee recommends the adoption of the following minute.

In view of the relation formerly sustained by that portion of our Church now comprised within the bounds of the Synod of the

Potomac, the corporate relation it then sustained to the Seminary, the part it had in the establishment and endowment of it, this Synod feels that the formal Constitution of this Synod as a separate body from the old mother Synod, did not extinguish her moral and financial rights in said Seminary. She also feels that hitherto circumstances have not required this body to enter upon the enjoyment and exercise of those rights, other than those accorded it in the way of courtesy on the part of the Eastern Synod, who alone holds the corporation and charter of said Seminary. It is the sense of this body, that now that she is about to choose a person to fill a Chair in said Seminary and make provisions for the payment of his salary, the time has come when her rights in the Seminary should be formally acknowledged, and she be admitted to a legal share in the corporation.

This Synod recognizes the fact, that in the selection of an occupant of the Chair of New Testament Exegesis, she has now the power simply to designate her choice of persons, who can be legally elected by the Eastern Synod, if said person would be admitted into the corporation as a full member of the Faculty, co-equal with the other members.

It is the sense of this Synod also, that she should and does hereby determine so to do, to retain the full control of the endowment fund, which she has provided for said Professorship, and will thus provide for the payment of the salary of the occupant of the chair. And it is the further sense of this Synod, that she ought to be invested with full legal power to elect the professor for said chair.

Your committee would further recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to confer with a similar committee appointed by the Eastern Synod, for the purpose of reaching an agreement by which the Synod of the Potomac may be admitted to such a share in the legal corporation as will secure to her, her rights in the Theological Seminary, located at Lancaster.

Resolved, that the Eastern Synod be hereby requested to appoint such a committee of conference, and clothe it with the necessary power in the premises,—said committee to report their conclusions to their respective Synod, for their approval and proper and formal enactment."

The committee called for in the first resolution consisted of Revs. S. N. Callender, D. D., J. O. Miller, D. D., and Elder Israel Laucks.

It is hereby further certified, that the Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender has been duly appointed a commissioner to proceed to Reading, Pa., and lay the foregoing before the Reverend Eastern Synod now in annual session there. In testimony therefore, I do, this 17th day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, subscribe myself.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

WM. M. DEATRICK,

**Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Potomac.*

To the Reverend Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHERN:—The Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, now in session in Hanover, Pa., has named as its choice to fill the chair of New Testament, Exegesis, in the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster Pa., Rev. J. C. Bowman, of Hanover, Pa.

I have been instructed to report this action to your reverend body, that you may take it into your consideration, and complete it by giving it your approval.

Fraternally yours,

CYRUS J. MUSSER, *Cor. Sec'y.*

The Special Committee to whom was submitted the communications received from the Potomac Synod, presented the following report which was considered item by item and adopted.

Your committee to whom was referred certain communications from the Potomac Synod, asking for a committee of reference and designating the Synod's choice of a Professor to fill the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Seminary of Lancaster, respectfully report.

We learn from these communications:

1st. That the Synod of the Potomac has provided an Endowment fund for a chair in the Theological Seminary, and proposes to pay the salary of the occupant of said chair.

2d. That the said Synod has determined to retain the control of its Endowment Fund, and desires to be invested with full legal power to elect the Professor for said chair.

3d. That said Synod requests the appointment of a committee of this Synod to confer with a similar committee of the Potomac Synod with regard to the legal and financial rights which it claims to have in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

4th. That Rev. J. C. Bowman, Hanover, Pa., has been designated by the Potomac Synod as its choice to fill the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, and this Synod is requested to complete said action by giving to it our approval.

We recommend the following :

Resolved, that this Synod rejoices in the success which has attended the efforts of the Endowment Committee of the Potomac Synod, and congratulates that body upon the fact, that the zeal and efficiency of its committee, the liberal response of its pastors and members, with the blessing of Almighty God have combined to produce such a happy result.

Resolved, That the endowment of a Professor's chair in the Theological Seminary is an event of significance for the whole Church, and is an example and encouragement to the pastors and members of our Churches for renewed prayers and contributions in behalf of this institution.

Resolved, That we invoke upon our sister Synod of the Potomac the blessing of the Triune God, and unite in thanksgiving to His Holy Name for His blessing bestowed, and for the beautiful tribute paid to the glory of our God and of His Christ, by that portion of the Church.

Resolved, That we recognize the right of the Potomac Synod to control its endowment fund and to provide for the salary of the Professor it has designated.

Resolved, That the request of said Synod to be invested with full legal power to elect its own Professor is reasonable and just, and meets the approval of this body.

Resolved, That we appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee appointed by the Synod of the Potomac, to consider the steps that may be necessary to accord to the said Synod such rights as may be agreed upon, and to report its action to this Synod for approval.

Resolved, That we enter upon the election of Rev. J. C. Bowman, Hanover, Pa., to fill the chair of New Testament Exegesis

in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., at such time during the present session, as this body may designate.

The President of the Synod having requested your committee to suggest the committee called for by this report, we submit to your reverend body the following: Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D., Chairman; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, Elder Daniel S. Keller.

Respectfully submitted,

REVS. ELLIS N. KREMER.

WM. M. LANDIS.

S. P. BROWN.

ELDERS, WM. R. LAWFER.

WM. MOYER.

On motion it was resolved, that October 20, 1890, at 9 P. M., be appointed as the day and hour, for the election of a Professor, for the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

When the order of the day had arrived, Synod proceeded to the election of a Professor in New Testament Exegesis. As the Potomac Synod supplied the funds for the endowment of this Professorship—to it also belongs the right of suggesting the name of Rev. Jno. C. Bowman, of Hanover, as its nominee. In accordance with instructions the stated clerk cast the ballot of Synod in favor of Rev. Jno. C. Bowman, whereupon the President of the Synod declared him to be elected as the incumbent of the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be and are hereby instructed to tender a call to the Rev. Jno. C. Bowman, of Hanover, Pa., to fill the chair of New Testament Exegesis, in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the Church, and subject to the conditions, that the salary be provided by the Synod of the Potomac.

Resolved, further that the officers of the Potomac Synod be requested to conduct the installation, when the call is accepted.

IV. The Need of a Seminary Building at Lancaster.

The communication from the Professors in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, placed in the hands of the Committee on Overtures and presented in the 8th item of its report was referred

to a special committee consisting of Revs. Jon. H. Pannebecker, Wm. C. Shaeffer and Elders J. J. Hoffman and Jas. F. Hunsecker, who presented their report on Tuesday, which was adopted. The communication reads as follows, to wit:

To the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburg Synod and the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: At the annual meeting of the Board of Visitors, May, 1889, action was taken in regard to the exterior necessities of the Seminary, instructing the faculty to prepare a paper addressed to the three Synods respecting the lack of accommodations for the professors and students and for the library.

In compliance with this action of the Visitors the faculty presents the following statement to each of the three bodies under whose supervision and direction this oldest institution of the Reformed Church is now conducted.

It may be necessary definitely to remind your reverend body that your Theological Seminary has no building of its own. The institution is dependent for class-rooms and for all meetings held by students on the hospitality of Franklin and Marshall College. All the privileges which the College can afford are freely given. The college even discommodes itself to accommodate the Seminary. But the capacity of the building is inadequate to the demands of the two institutions, since *seven* classes are under tuition during the same hour. A number of the rooms have to be used for two and three different purposes.

The College fronts eastward. The room on the third floor, south end, is occupied by the Seminary library, where there are not less than 1,200 volumes. This is the lecture room of Dr. Gerhart, and here the Society of Inquiry holds its weekly meetings, no other apartment being available for this purpose.

Dr. Apple occupies a class-room on the second floor, north end, which is also used by Rev. Dr. Stahr.

Dr. Gast is consigned to a room on the first floor, immediately under the chapel, north side. This space is divided into two apartments, a reference library being in the west end and Dr. Gast's class-room in the east end. Both rooms are small. Neither is adequate to the purpose for which it has to be used. Particularly the east end, occupied by Dr. Gast, is not suitable for class-room work. His room being below on the north side of the westward

extension, it is from morning until night under the shadow of the north wing of the building. At present the College is erecting an extension westward of this northern wing as a laboratory, leaving a space of only 8 feet 9 inches between the wall of the laboratory and Dr. Gast's room. The consequence will be that his room will not get one direct ray of light from the beginning to the end of the year; and the reflected light will be to a degree obstructed by the laboratory. Hence his room cannot but be damp and dingy.

Our Junior class now numbers twenty-three members; and one minister to whom the Faculty has accorded the privileges of the Seminary. When they all get into Dr. Gast's class-room it is so crowded and closely packed that it becomes not only inconvenient, but even impossible so to use the blackboards as is necessary in order to teach with freedom.

We have said that the Seminary Library occupies the room on the third floor of the south wing, one of the largest apartments of the building. This room has been packed full of books from the floor to the ceiling on three sides, east, west and south. Some shelves have double rows of books. Many books are of necessity stored away in corners and under the ceiling in such manner that they are not accessible.

For several years many books were packed away in boxes or stacked upon the floor, because there was no vacant space on the shelves. In the spring of 1889 the want of enough shelving was reported to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors. The two Boards joined in ordering shelves to be put up on the north side, extending from the floor to the ceiling. Now nearly all the books are on shelves; but owing to the crowded condition of the library many books are still inaccessible.

As before stated the "Reference Library" occupies an apartment on the first floor of the rear extension of the College building, north side and is now connected by folding doors with Dr. Gast's class-room. The Reference Library is also the reading room. In addition to the Quarterlies, Monthly and Weekly Periodicals, the books on the shelves of the Reference Library number about 800.

The library of our Seminary is a valuable collection of books. As in other libraries so in ours there are some volumes which as regards current uses have only nominal value. But there are very many works of great excellence, works which are both necessary

and highly important to a theological institution. Some could not be replaced except at large expense, whilst there are not a few that could not be replaced at all. It may be added that we have some books which are exceedingly rare, and worth is not to be estimated in terms of finance.

The exterior condition of the Theological Seminary as now described in several particulars brings some facts before the Church which we beg leave definitely to emphasize.

1. The institution requires larger and better accommodations. The professors need suitable apartments to meet their classes. These they have not now, as must be evident to all who form a correct conception of the situation. The students need apartments where they can hold their various meetings. The apartments which they are now using are not such as meet their wants, and conduce to the growth and efficiency of the institution.

2. It is evident that the library is not as safe as it should be. It should have better protection against fire. A little reflection may convince every minister and elder that in present circumstances, notwithstanding all the precautions that are taken, the risk is serious. Further, all possible care is taken of the books by the professors and librarians, yet the books are very much exposed. Some works from time to time are found to be missing; no one being able to tell how losses occur. Losses are the consequences of unavoidable exposure to the public; for under existing circumstances the door cannot on all occasions be locked.

3. The representations now made respecting the exterior conditions of your Seminary show clearly and forcibly that in this regard the needs of the institution are urgent, and should command the serious attention of the membership and ministry of the three Synods.

These exterior needs may all be summed up in one, the necessity of a separate building for the use of the Theological Seminary, a building that will provide class-rooms for the professors, more suitable accommodations for all the needful purposes of the Theological students, also adequate space and better protection for the library.

The faculty refrains from offering any argument or plea other than that which this plain statement of facts furnishes. The facts speak for themselves. They make their own appeal to the heart

and conscience of all friends of this Theological school, the oldest institution of the German branch of the Reformed Church in the United States.

In conclusion the faculty begs leave respectfully to suggest that after some discussion of the subject presented by this paper it be referred by each Synod to a committee of three, who in conjunction with similar committees appointed by the two other Synods shall consider the necessities of the Seminary, which now numbers nearly fifty students, and adopt such measures and report such action as in their judgment may be deemed necessary and feasible.

Respectfully submitted,

EMANUEL V. GERHART,

THOS. G. APPLE,

F. A. GAST.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Oct. 9th, 1890.

The following is the report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the communication in regard to the urgent necessity of erecting a Seminary building for the accommodation of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

The report was adopted and reads as follows, to wit :

Your Special Committee to whom was referred a communication from the faculty of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., respectfully offer the following for adoption.

1st. *Resolved*, That this Synod recognizes the urgent necessity of erecting a suitable building for the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

2d. *Resolved*, That in view of this fact, the endowment of another professorship by this Synod be held in abeyance for the present, and that the energies of the Synod in behalf of the Seminary be directed to secure the necessary funds for erecting said building.

3d. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed who shall act in conjunction with similar committees, who may be appointed by the Potomac and Pittsburg Synods agreeably to the suggestion made by the faculty of the Seminary, and that this committee shall take immediate steps to raise the money required.

J. H. PANNEBECKER, *Chairman*.

In compliance with the action adopted in the 3d resolution of the forgoing report, the President appointed Revs. Jon. H. Pannebecker, Wm. C. Schaeffer and Samuel A. Leinbach, as the

committee of this Synod, to act in conjunction with similar committees, that may be appointed by the Pittsburg and Potomac Synods in carrying out the above suggestions.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

I. Report of the Board of Missions.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We send to you the report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States and that of the Treasurer of said board. We bespeak for these papers that careful consideration which you have ever been pleased to give to them.

Substantial progress has been made during the past year, to which the Missions fostered by your reverend body have largely contributed.

The field of missionary activity is ever enlarging and your board may soon be called upon to extend its labors in directions which cannot so well be reached by any other body.

We trust that your action with regard to this sacred cause may call forth a liberal response from the Church.

Respectfully submitted, J. O. MILLER, *President*.
ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

II. Report of the Superintendent of Home Missions for the year ending October 1, 1890.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: You will notice that this report is addressed to two Synods instead of three, as heretofore, owing to the fact that one year ago the Pittsburg Synod, the third party in the tri-synodic compact, instructed its Board to transfer its missions to the Board of General Synod, which was done January 1st, 1890, since which time our Board represents only your two reverend bodies. We call your attention to the following facts:

1. *Organization.* The Board organized in November, 1889, for another term of four years, and the following are its officers: President, Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. E. N. Kremer; Treasurer, Elder W. H. Seibert. The Executive Council, in accordance with the action of the Synods a year ago, now consists of seven members, namely, in addition to the three officers,

Rev. C. S. Gerhard, Rev. T. J. Barkley, Rev. J. C. Bowman, and *ex-officio* the Superintendent.

2. *The number of missions.* We began the year with 48 missions on the roll. Of these, as already said, 7 within the bounds of the Pittsburg Synod, namely, Braddock, Du Bois, Jeannette, Johnstown, McKeesport, Scottdale and Wilkinsburg were January 1st, 1890, withdrawn from the care of this Board; 3, namely, St. Stephen's, Reading, Pa., Hazleton, Pa., and Boulder, Iowa, became self-supporting; Phoenixville, Pa., was by the Philadelphia Classis transferred to the Board of General Synod; 2, namely, Clearville, Pa., and Wilton Junction, Iowa, have been referred to their Classes for reconstruction; Nanticoke, Pa., has been enrolled; and so we close the year with a roll of 36 missions.

3. *The condition of the missions.* Two, namely, Clearville, Pa., and Winchester, Va., have been vacant all the year. Dushore, Pa., and Washington, D. C., vacant a year ago, now have pastors. Abilene, Kansas, Iola, Kansas, Lisbon, Iowa, Sioux City, Iowa and Wilton Junction, Iowa, became vacant during the year; but all except the last now have pastors. From this it will be seen that the work has suffered but little interruption. Chambersburg has built a church. Altoona, Hazleton and Steelton are now busy building. Williamsport has enlarged its church. Faith mission, Baltimore, is enlarging its church. Winchester has remodelled its church. York has paid its whole debt. And an examination of the statistics will show that the giving of the missions, both for benevolence and for congregational expenses, has been very large. The Board heartily commends its roll of missions to the confidence and support of the church.

4. *Aid to other Boards.* In addition to the outlay for our own missions, we pledged also \$150 to the German Board of the East for New York; and to the Board of General Synod \$600 for Lincoln, Neb., \$100 for Baker, Kansas, and \$350 for Cleveland, Ohio. These pledges have been renewed for the year to come (though only \$300 for Cleveland, O., as requested).

5. *The income of the Board.*—The treasurer's report, which is herewith transmitted, shows that we have had a year of unusually large giving, and that the condition of the treasury is quite gratifying. The effort of the Board to raise 1000 ten-dollar subscriptions for the general treasury, to bring our work up to a cash basis, re-

sulted in securing nearly 500 "tens," at least half of which would not have been received but for this effort.; and it is a matter of interest to state that one-tenth of the "tens" came from our missions, a fact of which both they and the Church may be justly proud. The Board has instructed the Superintendent to continue the effort to raise one thousand "tens."

6. *The amount needed for the coming year.*—As we now have a smaller number of missions than heretofore, we ask for a smaller sum for their support; but the amount asked of each Synod is about the same as before, because the missions of the Pittsburg Synod were supported by that Synod.

Cash on hand September 22d, 1890.....	\$ 4,855
Due the missionaries to October 1st, 1890,.....	\$ 4,000
Money borrowed five and seven years ago,.....	\$ 2,000
Estimated cost of the work next year,.....	\$20,000

This is for the support of the missionaries; but the Board must have money also for church-building, and we therefore ask as follows:

<i>For missions:</i> From the Eastern Synod.....	\$13,000
From the Potomac Synod.....	7,000
<i>For church-building:</i> From the Eastern Synod.....	\$2,500
From the Potomac Synod.....	1,500

While asking your reverend bodies for these reasonable sums, we beg also that the work committed to our care may have the confidence, the prayers, the sympathy and the interest of all our pastors and people, so that with their hearty co-working it may greatly prosper, to the praise of God in the saving of souls.

7. *Special Church-building Funds.*—In reference to these important helps, which have now become well known, the Board is pleased to report that in addition to the nine reported last year, two more have been received, namely, that raised by the Women's Missionary Society of Schuylkill Classis, bearing the name of that body, and one from the estate of Mrs. Harriet M. Schnebly, of Mercersburg, Pa., to be known as the Harriet Hoke Schnebly Church-building Fund. It is worthy of note, also, that just when these two funds came into our treasury they were needed for the enlargement of Faith Mission Church, Baltimore, and so they have already begun their good work.

8. *Legacies and Securities.*—During the year a committee of the Board, at great cost of time and labor, prepared a valuable financial report, setting forth in chronological order all the legacies of

the board, whence they came and where they now are, with an abstract of the wills, and the date and place of record; also a statement of the mortgages, notes and other securities held by the Board, including a record of all our Church-building Funds. This report has been recorded by the Secretary, and will be valuable for reference.

9. *Our Western Superintendent*.—Rev. D. B. Shuey continues to be our Superintendent within the bounds of the Synod of the Interior, giving all his time to general work, overseeing the missions, opening new fields and supplying vacancies. This general statement can be made in a few lines; but his travel of 22,000 miles during the year in the service of the Board is proof of much work done.

10. *The Reformed Missionary Herald*.—This organ of the Board, which has been found very useful in giving missionary information to our people, especially in reference to our own work and wants, has been published as heretofore, under the editorial control of the Executive Council, with a circulation of about 5,000. But now a change is proposed. Your Board and the Board of General Synod have appointed committees of conference, in which we hope to be joined also by the Board of Foreign Missions, looking to the publication of a monthly missionary magazine of thirty-two pages, which shall be the organ of these three Boards and of all our missionary work.

11. *Requests*.—In closing this seventeenth yearly report, your Board respectfully makes the following requests:

a. That you will assume and apportion the above named sums, for the work of the coming year.

b.) That you will urge the Classes each to raise its full apportionment, so that we may promptly pay the missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WHITMER,
Superintendent.

III. Report of the Treasurer of Missions.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The undersigned begs leave to present the subjoined report of the finances of the Board during the fiscal year ending, September 22, 1890.

During the year moneys were received for Home Missions, Church Building, &c., and payments made for those objects as follows, viz.:

Statistical Table Church in the United States.

PLACE.	In What	for Home Missions.										
		Churches in the Mission.	Estimated Value.	Indebtedness.	Debt Paid this Year.	Insurance.	Have a Personage.	Appropriation Paid by the Board this Year.	Salary Paid by the Mission this Year.	Salary to be Paid by the Mission Next Year.	Appropriation Asked by the Mission for Next Year.	Appropriation Voted by the Board for Next Year.
Abilene, Kansas,.....	Kansas,.....	0	1 \$6,000	\$2,000	\$ 300	\$5,000	0	\$ 500	\$ 300	\$ 300	.....	\$ 300
Altoona, Pa.,.....	Juniata,.....	00	0 0	0	0	0	0	400	300	350	350	350
Baltimore, Md.,.....	Maryland,.....	01	6,000	.....	.....	4,000	0	750	50	100	700	700
Baltimore, Md.,.....	Maryland,.....	25	1 2,000	500	1,500	2,000	0	650	0	200	600	600
Bangor, Pa.,.....	East Pennsylv.,.....	00	1 5,000	2,000	0	3,500	1	200	450	450	200	200
Boulder, Ia.,.....	Iowa,.....	00	2 2,000	0	0	0	1	100	425	525	0	0
Burlington, N. C.,.....	North Carolina,.....	35	0 0	0	0	0	0	300	200	200	300	300
Chambersburg, Pa.,.....	Mercersburg,.....	00	1 7,500	0	0	4,500	0	350	435	480	350	350
Clearville, Pa.,.....	Juniata,.....	00	1 800	0	0	0	1	0	.....	.....	0	0
Concord, N. C.,.....	North Carolina,.....	00	1 1,800	0	0	0	0	225	175	175	225	225
Duncannon, Pa.,.....	Carlisle,.....	00	2 3,000	0	0	2,000	0	175	525	525	175	175
Dushore, Pa.,.....	Wyoming,.....	00	2 3,500	150	0	0	0	150	325	525	150	150
Easton, Pa.,.....	East Pennsylv.,.....	00	1 5,000	0	0	2,200	1	200	450	500	150	150
Freeland, Pa.,.....	Wyoming,.....	00	1 5,000	1,300	160	3,000	0	150	500	525	125	125
Hazleton, Pa.,.....	Wyoming,.....	00	0 0	0	0	0	0	200	550	700	0	0
Imogene, Iowa,.....	Lincoln,.....	00	1 1,200	0	0	800	0	200	225	225	175	175
Iola, Kansas,.....	Wichita,.....	00	1 1,800	0	0	900	0	400	200	200	400	400
Kansas City, Mo.,.....	Kansas,.....	71	110,000	6,133	60	2,000	1	700	250	?	700	700
Lancaster, Pa.,.....	Lancaster,.....	80	1 7,500	1,152	113	3,000	0	300	800	225	275	275
Leighton, Iowa,.....	Iowa,.....	00	1 1,500	0	0	900	0	150	350	350	125	125
Lisbon, Iowa,.....	Iowa,.....	00	1 3,000	0	0	1,000	0	200	400	400	200	200
Liscomb, Iowa,.....	Iowa,.....	00	1 1,200	0	0	0	0	180	320	340	160	160
Lock Haven, Pa.,.....	West Susqueh.,.....	00	1 8,000	0	0	4,200	0	175	450	450	175	175
Maquoketa, Iowa,.....	Iowa,.....	00	3 2,500	0	0	1,500	1	200	300	300	200	200
Nanticoke, Pa.,.....	Wyoming,.....	00	0 0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	150	150
Plymouth, Pa.,.....	Wyoming,.....	00	1 3,500	0	0	2,000	0	200	300	300	200	200
Salem, Oregon,.....	Portland-Oreg.,.....	00	1 3,500	450	50	1,200	1	125	225	250	100	100
Seattle, Washington,.....	Portland-Oreg.,.....	05	1 7,000	1,400	150	2,000	0	300	05	?	300	300
Sioux City, Iowa,.....	Lincoln,.....	50	110,000	4,000	925	5,000	0	1,000	200	200	1,000	1,000
Stafford, Oregon,.....	Portland-Oreg.,.....	00	1 1,000	0	0	0	1	130	175	185	120	120
Steelton, Pa.,.....	Lancaster,.....	00	0 0	0	0	0	0	800	100	200	.....	700
Timberville, Va.,.....	Virginia,.....	00	1 3,000	0	0	.....	1	100	250	250	100	100
Washington, D. C.,.....	Maryland,.....	00	125,000	0	0	3,000	0	800	300	300	800	800
West Union, Oregon,.....	Portland-Oreg.,.....	00	0 0	0	0	0	0	275	120	132	240	240
Wichita, Kansas,.....	Wichita,.....	00	118,000	0	0	5,000	0	750	300	300	750	750
Williamsport, Pa.,.....	West Susqueh.,.....	00	114,000	2,500	500	4,000	0	150	650	650	150	150
Wilton Junction, Iowa,.....	Iowa,.....	00	1 4,000	0	0	2,000	0	250	250	.....	0	0
Winchester, Va.,.....	Virginia,.....	00	2 4,000	0	0	0	1	0	0	.....	.....	.....
Woodberry, Md.,.....	Maryland,.....	00	1 4,500	0	0	3,100	1	250	400	475	175	175
York, Pa.,.....	Zion's,.....	00	1 5,000	0	2,562	2,000	0	600	200	300	500	500

NOTE.—Those in *italics* are not on the

HOME MISSIONS.

Synod of the United States.

Classis of Philadelphia.....	\$ 412 00	Classis of E. Susquehanna	\$ 502 10
" Tohickon.....	1,099 14	" W. Susquehanna	848 31
" Goshenhoppen ..	1,412 29	" Lehigh.....	1,100 16
" E. Pennsylvania	1,022 48	" Wyoming.....	706 45
" Lebanon.....	881 23		
" Schuylkill.....	2,663 59	Total.....	\$11,748 90
" Lancaster	1,101 15		

Synod of the Potomac.

Classis of Maryland.....	\$1,423 20	Classis of Virginia.....	\$ 211 04
" Mercersburg.....	772 56	" North Carolina..	222 45
" Juniata.....	1,315 27	" Portland-Oregon	63 45
" Carlisle	467 91		
" Zion's.....	1,185 89	Total.....	\$6,791 45
" Gettysburg.....	1,129 68		

Synod of Pittsburg.

Received from sundry Brethren within the bounds of Synod mostly on account of the "1,000 Tens".....	\$ 264 88
Received from the Treasurer of Synod, C. M. Boush, Esq.....	500 00
Total.....	\$ 764 88

Miscellaneous Sources.

Received of Mrs. C. A. Fremdell interest on loan.....	\$ 115 50
" Mechanics Bank, Harrisburg, interest on Certificate of Deposit.....	45 00
" Dr. J. O. Miller interest on loan.....	72 10
" J. R. Hamilton interest on loan.....	60 00
" Geo. Z. Kunkel interest on loan.....	60 00
" Mrs. Sophia F. Grove interest on loan.....	60 00
" Dr. J. O. Miller, dividend of the Spangler legacy.....	25 00
" The Ladies Synodical Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior for Sioux City Mission.....	11 72
" Rev. S. Ream, Liscomb, Iowa, for 1 of "1,000 Tens"	10 00
" Wm. Achenbaugh, for 1 of the "1,000 Tens".....	10 00
" Mrs. Jno. Love for 1 of the "1,000 Tens".....	10,00
" The Missionary Society of Brown Memorial Church, Wichita, Kansas, for 1 of the "1,000 Tens",.....	10 00
" Rev. D. B. Shuey for 1 of the "1,000 Tens".....	10 00
" Rev. J. F. Butler, Imogene, Iowa, for 1 of the "1,000 Tens".....	10 00
" Rev. C. A. Santee, Kansas City, Mo., for 1 of the "1,000 Tens".....	10 00
" Miss S. J. Umangst, Martin, Wis., for 1 of the "1,000 Tens".....	10 00
" Miss Hannah J. Smith, St. Joseph, Mo., for 1 of the "1,000 Tens".....	10 00
Balance in the Treasury September 24, 1889.....	\$1,809 25
Total from miscellaneous sources.....	\$ 2,348 57
Total from all sources.....	\$21,653 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of the Board during the year.....	\$16,794 80
Balance in the Treasury September 22, 1890.....	4,859 00
Total.....	<u>\$21,653 80</u>

Church Building Funds.

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Balance in the Treasury September 25, 1889.....	\$2,483 12	
Received for Church Building in Baltimore, viz.:		
From Carlisle Classis.....	\$20 61	
From Gettysburg Classis.....	28 91	
From Juniata Classis.....	30 00	
From Mercersburg Classis.....	60 00—	139 52
Received for Second Reformed Church of Chambersburg from Mercersburg Classis.....		100 00
Received on account of a balance due the Board by the Synod of the United States on a certain Bond viz.:		
From Lebanon Classis.....	27 00	
From Lehigh Classis.....	41 00	
From Wyoming Classis.....	2 00—	70 00
Received for the use of the Reformed Church of Johnstown, Pa., from Sunday School of the Church of the Strangers, Philadelphia, Pa.....	11 08	
Christ Church Charge, Gettysburg Classis.....	20 00—	31 08
Received of Rev. Jno. W. Love, pastor of the Reformed Church of Wichita, Kansas, amount of Loan made to said Church October 1, 1889		
Cash.....	62 50	
One Quarter Salary due.....	187 50—	250 00
Received for Church-building purposes in general.		
From Lancaster Classis.....	119 53	
From Lebanon Classis.....	229 35	
From Goshenhoppen Classis.....	250 00	
From E. Pennsylvania Classis.....	73 00	
From Tohickon Classis.....	157 00	
From W. Susquehanna Classis.....	96 27	
From Shuylkill Classis.....	308 30	
From Gettysburg Classis.....	132 00	
From Juniata Classis.....	191 00	
From Zion's Classis.....	3 91	
From North Carolina Classis.....	20 47	
From Carlisle Classis.....	57 35	
From Clarion Classis.....	18 10	
		1,656 28
Received of Constantine E. A. Foerster, of San Francisco, Cal., attorney for the Board, amount collected by him (less his fees) from the German Reformed Church of said City, on judgment held by the Board against said Church.....		3,682 24
Received of Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, amount of the judgment bond held by the Board against him.....		1,442 00
Received of Hon. H. C. Hoover, Treasurer of Philadelphia Classis, on account of their Classical Missionary Society's Church-building Fund...		100 00

Received of C. P. Hutchison, principal and interest of a judgment bond held against him by the Board.....	\$ 507 75
Received per Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of Mercersburg Classis, amount of the bequest of Harriet M. Schnebly, deceased, to constitute the "Harriet Hoke Schnebly Church Building Fund".....	500 00
Received per Rev. A. C. Whitmer from the Women's Missionary Society of Schuylkill Classis to constitute "The Church Building Fund of the Women's Missionary Society of Schuylkill Classis".....	500 00
Received per Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, the first payment due August 11, 1890, on the mortgage of \$850, held by the Board on Faith Mission Church property Baltimore, Md.....	150 00
Received per Rev. M. Firve, pastor of Sioux City Mission on account of the mortgage held by the Board against said Mission.....	135 00
Received of Geo. W. Guldin, Dorrance, Luzerne County, Pa., payment in full of note of Wm. B. Moyer and others held by the Board.....	\$ 100 00
	<u>\$11,846 99</u>

Paid out during the year, viz :

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To the Reformed Church of Wichita, Kas., (Loans.)	\$ 250 00
To Chas. Santee, Treasurer contribution received for Bohemian Church aid.....	30 00
To Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Classis on account of contributions received for Church-building in Baltimore, Md.....	129 13
To Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, sum received for use of Christ Reformed Mission of Baltimore, Md.	30 00
To Dr. J. O. Miller, towards paying indebtedness of Grace Mission, York	250 00
To Rev. R. E. Crum, Du Bois, Pa., contribution received for his Church.....	5 00
To Rev. Geo. H. Johnston, for use of the Church of the Strangers, Philadelphia, in accordance with the request of the Synod of the United States.....	553 00
To Rev. Wm. H. Bates, Johnstown contributions received for his Church.....	31 08
To H. A. Forney, Treasurer Board of Systematic Benevolence of North Carolina Classis, money paid into the Treasury by mistake.....	20 47
To Rev. J. B. Shontz, contributions received for the Second Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa., from Mercersburg Classis.....	100 00
To amount of a donation made by the Board to the Reformed Mission of Hamilton, State of Washington.....	100 00
Loan made to the Mission.....	200 00

To Rev. Aaron Noll, donation made to the Reformed Mission at Hazleton.....	\$ 500 00
Loan made to L. C. and Leah Sidel, secured by a mortgage on property in Steelton, Pa.	2,500 00
To loan made to Calvin R. Hutchison for six months, secured by a judgment bond.....	500 00
To loan made to Sophia F. and Jno. L. Grove, secured by a mortgage on two houses in Steelton, Pa.....	2,000 00
To loan made to Grace Reformed Church of Abilene, Kans., secured by a mortgage.....	1,500 00
To loan Calvin P. and Cordelia Hutchison for three years, secured by a judgment bond.....	1,900 00
To Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, loan made to Trustees of the Classis for use of Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md., secured by a mortgage.....	1,000 00
To balance in the Treasury September 22, 1890.....	248 31
	<u>\$11,846 99</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

We the undersigned auditors appointed to audit the Treasurers's account, would report that we have attended to the duty and after comparing all vouches with all accounts, find the accounts correct with the following balances in the Treasurer's hands.

General Fund.....	\$4,859 00
Church Building.....	248 31

JNO. W. NISSLLEY,
T. J. HACKER.

COLUMBIA, PA., September 22, 1890.

IV. Secretary's Report—Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Eastern Synod, Reformed Church, United States.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—Another year with its joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, triumphs and defeats has run its course; and in response to a deep sense of duty we call upon our souls, and all that is within us, to bless the name of the Lord. The God of Missions has been with us, and we will not forget his benefits.

The progress of the Gospel in Japan has not been as perceptible as the previous years, still there is no mission field that shows better results. The proclamation of the constitution, the failure of the treaty revision, and the change of Government and the hatred to foreigners, have all combined to unsettle the public mind and to make it less receptive to the Gospel. That there has been no serious interference to the work under the political excitement is great

cause for special gratitude to God, who maketh even the wrath of men to praise him.

It must be borne in mind, that the Japanese are at present, in a transitional period, and it would well-nigh be a miracle, if the transition from the pagan religion and the ancestral polity to Christianity, were not accompanied by resistance even unto blood. The idea that Japan will be wholly won for Christ is the assertion of the enthusiast. No nation is wholly Christian. Perhaps there is no nation so strongly under the power of the Gospel as our own native land, and yet, even here, the powers of evil make themselves felt in many ways. Japan will be a Christian nation. The cross will overcome the sceptre of heathendom in the Empire of the East and tower high above the wrecks of time.

The annual reports of the missionaries breathe the spirit of entire consecration to the Master's use. For the information of the reverend synod, I will insert a few extracts, which portray their labors during the past year.

REV. J. P. MOORE.

As is known, in July of last year, I removed from Yamagata to Sendai since which time I have labored with the brethren of the Mission, teaching several hours a day in the Theological Training School, and as I had opportunity and strength, assisting in the evangelistic work in and around Sendai. I also made several visits to our Tokio stations, preaching and administering the sacraments; and I am happy to say that this part of our work has shown signs of new life since my last report. What I do in the Training School is an investment which, I believe, will bear compound interest in the future of our evangelistic operations.

REV. W. E. FOY.

Teaching has been my primary work as a missionary. Every Monday evening I teach a Bible class, which meets in my Library. I lecture at the congregational prayer meeting on the books of the Bible.

Mrs. Hoy teaches a Bible class at our house on Tuesday afternoons. My progress in the vernacular is just enough to give me confidence and I am beginning to see how much there is yet to be learned. Humanly speaking, much of our comfort and well-being can be traced to our Board.

REV. D. B. SCHNEDER.

My work as you know, has been mainly that of a teacher. This work brings with it little variety of experience, and all that I need record is that the work of teaching young men is becoming dearer to me and I hope correspondingly more beneficial to the young men in our charge. The Sunday-schools under the care of myself and Mrs. Schneder have been prosperous during the year. I preach frequently partly in Japanese, partly by interpretation.

MISS LIZZIE R. POORBAUGH.

It sometimes happens that when busied, there is least to be said about one's work. Such is the case in regard to my work, for the present year. In addition to my class-room work, the oversight of two households, the care of ten supported girls, with whom we come in closer and more constant relations than with self-supporting girls, impose a good deal of care upon me. I go into the school-room at half-past seven every morning and continue on an average of five and a-half hours. Allowing three hours for meals and recreation, there remain but three and a-half hours between six in the morning and six in the evening in which to look after the housekeeping of both houses, receive accounts and make settlements, attend to visitors, workmen, etc.

MISS EMMA F. POORBAUGH.

Apart from my work, my report must be brief. Five hours a day are spent in the school-room, where in addition to my classes in English I also meet my catechetical class and give lessons on the organ to six girls. My afternoons, when not interrupted by visitors, are given wholly to the language, a knowledge of which seems unattainable as it is necessary. Monday evening is always spent in consultation with the Japanese teachers, with reference to the needs, progress, etc., of the school. Wednesday evening I go to the prayer meeting and on Saturday evening I meet the girls socially. We read for an hour, explain what we have read, engage in conversation and end with games. The object of this meeting is to gain closer companionship with the girls than can be done in the class-rooms. This kind of work makes them feel that you are their friend as well as their teacher. Every Friday afternoon I give them an extra hour for sewing, knitting, etc. I also conduct evening prayers with the girls. Evenings not otherwise

employed I give to the sewing machine, as it requires considerable of that kind of work to keep three people clothed.

SENDAI THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Sendai Theological School has had a fruitful year. Twenty-six young men are preparing for the holy ministry. Next September we shall have our first regular class in the Theological Seminary proper. This course will be three years of thorough work in the branches commonly taught in American Theological Seminaries. We pray that a new teacher may be sent to us not later than September 1, 1890, so as to be in time for the new scholastic year.

The prospects of the school are good. A goodly number of promising young men have already signified their intentions to enter the new class for the next scholastic year. But if we wish to keep our students satisfied, we must enlarge the school and furnish the young men as wide a course of study, training and culture as may be given elsewhere. That which is done in this cause must be well done, if not well done, it were better to leave it undone.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The sudden revulsion of feeling against foreigners, of which one hears so much all over the Empire, is felt in our school, less perhaps than in some others, but it has suffered to prevent the growth we fondly expected. The girls that are in the school are loyal pupils, very grateful for the comforts provided for them, and evince their earnestness by hard work. There has been considerable illness among them during the winter, nothing serious, however, except in two instances. Miura O'Hama is wasting away with consumption, and another has been confined for nearly a month with peritonitis. The Japanese girls are frail, and I often feel the need of fuller gymnastic appliances than we have for their benefit. Recently we received from the officers of the local government a proposition to make such changes in our course of study as will give young women an opportunity to secure a thorough Japanese education. This change is nowise to affect the moral or religious character of the school. Society of Sendai promise to bestow the weight of their influence in favor of the school. Hoping, believing, that this may prove our opportunity, we are making every effort to meet their requirements, in so far as the policy of the Mission will permit. This will involve the em-

ployment of more and higher grade Japanese teachers during the coming year, but will require less of English, since we have concluded to teach all natural sciences and mathematics in Japanese. Whether the result will be what we desire, remains to be seen.

The Needs of the Mission.

NEW SEMINARY BUILDING.

The necessity of a new Seminary building has been keenly felt and strongly urged by the missionaries. Those who have read their appeals and arguments, cannot help feeling the absolute necessity of prompt action. Relying upon the Divine help and the liberality of the people, the Board has authorized the Mission to erect a suitable building for the use of the Sendai Theological Seminary.

The new building will be located between John Ault Memorial Hall and the old temple used by the Sendai Church. The designs call for seven recitation rooms, one reading room, a library and a Chapel. The building will be in brick with blue-stone trimmings. The contract has been made from July 1890 to August 1891. The Board will need at least \$4000 additional for the building fund.

A GOOD LIBRARY.

The Theological Seminary needs a good library. The necessity is self-evident. Rev. W. E. Hoy has in care the sum of \$1580, raised in Japan, which the Board will allow the Mission to appropriate for the founding of a library. We unite with the Mission in the hope that all our Reformed authors will donate copies of their works to the Sendai Theological Seminary.

NEW TEACHERS.

The Mission asks for a new teacher for the Seminary, who will be in perfect sympathy with the work as now carried on in the Educational policy, and also for a lady missionary for the Girls' School.

The ideal of a man for the position will be one who would come with the purpose of throwing his whole soul into the work of giving our young men a knowledge of the English language. The lady teacher should be a person of broad and liberal culture.

STATISTICS.

Owing to the meeting of the General Synod, the Mission has sent the statistics for the year ending May 31st, 1890, earlier than usual.

The figures given at the end of this report, represent the work of about nine months. The table is a study for the mind, a feast for the soul and an inspiration to every friend of foreign missions. When we consider the native opposition to Christianity and the other obstacles in the way, the missionaries did very well during the past year. Full of zeal and courage, they enter upon the new fiscal year with great expectation. May they realize their fondest hope. *To this end we must do our duty*. The Lord help us to appreciate the emphasis. It may be of interest to the reverend synod, to hear the latest statistics of Protestant Missions in Japan.

The total membership in the Protestant mission churches is 31,181, with 274 organized churches, 153 of which are wholly and 151 partially self-supporting. There are 135 ordained native ministers and 409 unordained preachers and helpers. There are 350 Sabbath schools, with 21,597 pupils, and 17 theological schools, with 275 students. The contributions of the churches during the year 1889 amounted to \$53,503.13. The United Church of Japan, of which our integral part, reports a membership of 8,690 and contributions \$18,071.04. This is only the beginning of the great harvest. The Japanese are calling for foreign helpers. *Men* to occupy new stations and money to support them, is the great cry of distress that comes to us from a people who promise so much towards the evangelization of the Orient.

FINANCIAL.

The appeal, issued by the Board, to the pastors, a few months ago, reveals the the lamentable fact of an *empty* treasury, with an indebtedness of \$5000. The prospects of the Mission have never been brighter, and with sufficient means we can carry forward the work successfully.

BRETHREN: The General Synod has given its unanimous endorsement to the educational policy of the Board and the missionaries have a right to look to you for moral and financial support. It is not the Board, appealing to the churches for means, but the brave and indefatigable workers, who fulfill the divine command, "Go ye into all the world" in our stead. The cause of foreign missions has no apportionments to rely on, but the voluntary contributions of the people. The responsibility of maintaining the work rests with the pastors and the people. To the pastors, the Lord looks for earnest effort.

From the people the Lord expects large giving. We ask your prayers and sympathies, your efforts and offerings in sowing the seed of truth upon the broad acres of the world's spiritual destitution, in the confident hope that the fruit thereof will appear, though it be after many days. May the loving Master grant us the light of His countenance, for *then* shall we see the path of duty.

Very sincerely yours,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

Statistical Report.

	Organized churches.	Churches self-supporting.	Preaching stations.	Baptized converts.	Membership.	Girls' schools.	Scholars in same	Sunday-schools.	Scholars in same.	Theological schools.	Scholars in same.	Native ministers.	Unordained preachers.	Colporteurs.	Bible women.	Contributions for all purposes.
Nihon Bashi,	1	..	..	13	93	..	..	1	36	..	..	..	1	1	..	\$110 30
Iwotsuki, ..	1	..	1	9	98	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	1	..	..	185 00
Matsubaya-	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 00
shi & Noda,	1	1	1	31	235	..	..	1	105	..	..	1	..	..	..	370 00
Bancho, ..																
	3	1	2	53	466	..	..	4	221	..	..	1	2	1	..	\$674 30
Sendai, ..																
Fukushima																
Nakamura																
Hobara, ..	4	1	6	104	729	1	40	10	461	1	26	5	5	2	2	1,200 00
Shiroisha,																
Tome, ..																
Yamagata,																
Tsurugoaka																
Iwruna,	1	..	1	2	101	..	..	1	70	..	..	..	1	..	..	175 00
Ishinomski,	1	..	..	7	76	..	..	1	30	..	..	..	1	..	..	70 00
Furukaw,	1	..	1	7	43	..	..	1	15	..	..	..	1	..	..	130 00
Hakodate,	1	1	1	45	120	..	..	1	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	287 85
Hombetsu,																
Mororau,	1	1	1	..	121	..	..	1	45	..	..	1	..	..	..	295 00
	9	3	10	165	1,190	1	40	15	694	1	26	6	8	2	2	2,157 85
Grand Total,	12	4	12	218	1,656	1	40	19	915	1	26	7	10	3	2	2,835 15

V. A Communication from the Mission Board of General Synod.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST: In accordance with the instruction of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its sessions held in Lebanon, Pa, "The Board of Home-

Missions of the General Synod " contemplates undertaking special mission work among the Hungarian population of our country in various localities. To accomplish this purpose, the Board is about employing missionaries from Europe who will be able to minister to these people in their own language. This will involve considerable outlay of funds to meet the expenses of immigration, and the support of the missionaries while they are in the employ of the Board.

To this end we have been instructed by the said Board respectfully to overture your Reverend Synod to come to our assistance in this good work in your prayers, and by a *special appropriation* to this cause through the assessments laid upon your classes. We name no particular amount as to the pro rata share of your Reverend Body, for the support of this work, but would leave that to be determined by your own judgment and your appreciation of the worthy cause of Missions.

You will please direct that all funds raised for this object within your territory, shall be sent through the hands of the Treasurer of your District Board to the Treasurer of our General Board of Home Missions, Elder Charles Santee, No. 532 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and shall be specifically designated for this purpose.

Yours in the Lord,

J. A. PETERS, *Pres. B. H. M. Gen. Synod.*

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Secretary,*

VI. Report on Missions.

The Standing Committee on Missions presented its report on Monday morning. The Report was taken up, item by item, and finally adopted. The Report is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend the Eastern Synod:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report. The following papers have been referred to your Committee:

1. The letter of the President and Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, transmitting:
 - a. The Report of the Board;
 - b. The Report of the Treasurer of the Board.
2. The Secretary's Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.
3. A communication from the Board of Missions of the General

Synod in relation "to special Mission work among the Hungarian population of our country in various localities.

The 3d item in the Report of Minutes of Synod in regard to the endowment of additional Church Building Funds, and the 15th item in Report on overtures from East Penn'a Classis requesting a reduction in its classical apportionment for Home Missions.

From the Report of the Board of Missions, the Synod learns that on January 1, 1890, the seven Missions of the Synod of Pittsburgh were transferred to the Board of Missions of the General Synod, in accordance with the action of the said Synod of Pittsburgh; and that since that date our Board has represented only this Synod and the Synod of the Potomac. The Board further reports that in November, 1889, it organized for another term of four years; and that in accordance with the action of the Synods the Executive Council was enlarged to seven members.

Three of the Missions under the care of the Board became self-supporting within the year; one was transferred by the Classis, within whose bounds it is located, to the Board of the General Synod; two were referred by the Board to their respective Classes for reconstruction, and one new mission has been enrolled so that the whole number of Missions under the care of the Board, not including those within the bounds of the Synod of Pittsburgh, and which were transferred to the Board of the General Synod, is thirty-six.

These Missions are in an encouraging condition; their offerings have been very large; and the Board "heartily commends them to the confidence and support of the Church."

Besides supporting its own Missions the Board appropriated \$1,000 to the Board of Missions of the General Synod, and \$150 to the German Board of the East, to aid said Boards in their work; and has renewed the pledges to these Boards for the current year.

The financial condition of the Board is "quite gratifying." The year was one of "unusually large giving." The effort of the Board to secure 1,000 ten dollar subscriptions was so far successful as to enable the Board to bring its work up to a cash basis. Nearly 500 "tens" were secured; and the Board has instructed the Superintendent to continue the effort to gather these ten dollar subscriptions.

The Board will need and asks for the carrying forward of its

work \$20,000.00 for Missions and \$4,000.00 for Church Building. The Board apportions these amounts as follows :

<i>For Missions :</i> From the Eastern Synod.....	\$13,000
From the Synod of the Potomac.....	7,000
<i>For Church Building :</i> From the Eastern Synod.....	2,500
From the Synod of the Potomac	1,500

The Board reports two special Church Building Funds as received within the year, that of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Classis of Schuylkill, and that from the estate of Mrs. Harriet M. Schnebly, of Mercersburg, Pa., making a total of eleven special Church Building Funds now held in trust by the Board.

From the report of the Treasurer of the Board, the Synod learns that the receipts have been as follows :

From the Eastern Synod.....	\$11,748.90
From the Synod of the Potomac.....	6,791.45
From the Synod of Pittsburgh.....	764.88
From Miscellaneous Sources.....	539.32
Balance on Sept. 24th, 1889, ..	1,809.25

Making the Income of the Board for the year.....	\$21,653.80
Within the same time the Board expended.....	16,794.80

Leaving a balance in the treasury on the 22 of Sept. 1890, of... \$4,859.00

Your committee having taken into consideration the facts presented in these reports, and their requests and the very encouraging condition of the work of the Board, recommend that the following action be taken :

1. *Resolved*, That Synod recognizes, with devout thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, the encouraging prosperity vouchsafed the Missionary work of its Board ; and invokes His continued blessing upon the Board in all its operations, and upon the Missionaries and Missions.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoicing in the prosperous condition and prospects of the Missionary work, cordially commends the cause of Missions to the confidence, to the increased attention, and to the enlarged giving of the Churches.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod assume the amounts asked for by the Board, namely, \$13,000 for Missions and \$2,500 for Church building ; and that the same be apportioned as follows :

CLASSIS.	Missions.	For Church Building.
East Pennsylvania.....	\$1340	\$250
Philadelphia.....	500	170
Lebanon	1755	330
Lancaster	835	160
East Susquehanna.....	825	150
West Susquehanna.....	825	150
Goshenhoppen	1240	230
Tohickon	1240	220
Lehigh.....	1860	360
Schuylkill.....	1755	330
Wyoming.....	825	150
Total.....	\$13,000	\$2500

4. *Resolved*, That Synod urges the several Classes to adopt such measures as will enable them to raise and pay in full the amounts apportioned to them for Missions.

5. *Resolved*, That Synod has heard with pleasure of the success attending the effort to raise 1000 ten dollar subscriptions which has so far resulted in securing nearly one-half of the number, enabling the Board to bring the work up to a cash basis; and cordially commends this effort to all who may find themselves able to give one or more of these subscriptions.

Item 1 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, is the action of this Synod taken one year ago, requesting the Classes to take such action as will lead to the endowment of additional Church-building funds. On this subject the following resolution is proposed:

6. *Resolved*, That this subject is again earnestly commended to the consideration of the Classes, and they are requested to adopt such action as will bring to the attention of Missionary Societies and individuals the need and value of these \$500 Special Building Funds in carrying forward the Missionary work of the Church.

The communication from the Board of Mission of the General Synod informs this Synod that said Board is about employing Missionaries from Europe to minister to the Hungarian population of our country, which will involve considerable outlay of funds to meet the expense of immigration, and the support of the Missionaries while they are in the employ of the Board. The said Board by instruction of the General Synod overtures your Reverend Body to come to their assistance by your prayers and a

special appropriation to this cause, to be raised by an apportionment on the Classis.

Your committee recommend the following action :

8. *Resolved*, That Synod sympathizes with the purpose of the General Synod to provide for the spiritual care of the Hungarian people, and hereby grants the request of the Board of Missions of said Synod, and votes an apportionment of \$1,000 for this cause on the several Classes, as follows :

Classis of	East Pennsylvania.....	\$ 100
" "	Philadelphia.....	68
" "	Lebanon.....	132
" "	Lancaster.....	64
" "	East Susquehanna.....	60
" "	West Susquehanna.....	60
" "	Goshenhoppen.....	92
" "	Tochicken.....	88
" "	Lehigh.....	144
" "	Schuylkill.....	132
" "	Wyoming.....	60
Total.....		<u>\$1,000</u>

9. *Resolved*, That the respective Classes are hereby directed to pay these apportionments to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the General Synod through the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of this Synod, specifically designating the same for work among the Hungarian people.

Foreign Missions.

The annual Report from the Board of Foreign Missions gives evidence of the faithful service rendered by our Missionaries in Sendai, Japan, their life and services being entirely consecrated to the noble cause of saving the heathen. The Sendai Theological Seminary is progressing; \$4000 are needed to complete the new building. A sum of money is at hand for a Seminary Library, and Reformed and other books are earnestly solicited for its use.

Additional teachers are needed to aid our Missionaries, who are now laboring hard. The report calls attention to the *sad fact* of an *empty treasury*, there being an indebtedness of \$5000, which should be speedily cancelled, that the good work may not be retarded. We therefore submit the following resolutions expressing the sense of Synod :

1. *Resolved*, That we gratefully acknowledge the guidance and great blessings of God in advancing, amid manifold difficulties our work in Japan, bringing encouragement to the hearts of our brethren in the Foreign field, and at their hands sanctifying the gifts bestowed by the church to this branch of Christian endeavor.

2. *Resolved*, That we express our pleasure and satisfaction in the near completion of the Theological Seminary building, which is to be provided with a good library and other necessities, hopefully looking forward to the good which Providence thereby has in store for our brethren across the seas.

3. *Resolved*, That we unite our prayers and purses for greater blessings for the cause we love, and most earnestly request all congregations to do all in their power for the encouragement of our Foreign Missions, so that the work may go on unimpeded, and be made to grow more speedily, that the Seminary building may be finished and additional helpers be sent into the field.

4. *Resolved*, That the first Sunday in Advent or next succeeding Sunday be devoted by the churches of the Eastern Synod to special prayer for Foreign Missions, and on that day every possible effort be put forth to relieve the Board from their heavy indebtedness; that our pastors and people be most urgently requested to send their increased contribution, to vigorously advance the cause of Foreign Missions, and gladden the hearts of our brethren, who are devoting their life to evangelization of the heathen.

An overture from East Pennsylvania Classis requesting that Synod reduce the Classical Apportionment on Home Missions \$300, in consideration of the support said Classis gives to Stroudsburg Mission field, your Committee would suggest the following : *Resolved*, That this Synod does not see its way clear to accede to the wishes of said Classis, but requests the Classis to again bring the matter of the Stroudsburg Mission to the attention of the Board of Missions, and the Synod hereby requests the Board of Missions to give this overture of the Classis earnest consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. MOHR, *Chairman*.

*VII. Report on Plan of General Synod's Board of Missions
on Unification*

The ninth item in the Report on Overtures, having reference to the Work of Unification of Missions, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Jno. S. Stahr, Geo. B. Resser, C. W. Levan, and Elders Jno. W. Bickel and J. J. Hoffman, who presented the following report, which was considered, item by item, and adopted. The report is as follows :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the plan for the more practical unification of the Home Mission work of the Church, submitted by the General Board of Home Missions to all the District Synods, respectfully offer the following report :

The desirability of unifying the work of Home Missions in the Reformed Church so that there may be cordial co-operation and a proper organization of our missionary operations throughout our whole territory, is generally acknowledged, and it is scarcely necessary that this point should be discussed in our report. The constitution of the Church places the management of both Home and Foreign Missions in the hands of the General Synod. Success in the prosecution of missionary work requires that there should be oneness of purpose and method—a mode of operation into which all can enter with hearty zeal. Besides the prospect of federal union with the Reformed Church of America makes it desirable that our work should speedily be so arranged that co-operation between the two churches may be secured in certain branches of missionary operation.

It is true, the constitution does not prescribe the manner in which the General Synod shall manage either Home or Foreign Missions, whether through its own board absolutely, or through subordinate boards or bodies to which a large measure of freedom might be granted. In the paper referred to your committee, we have a definite plan proposed, and this certainly deserves respectful consideration, and, if it meets the requirements of the case, adoption on the part of the District Synods, as speedy as is consistent with the conversation of the precious interests involved.

By the precious interests involved in the process of reorganization, we mean both our missions and the missionary zeal of our people. These are matters of historical growth, so are our mis-

sionary operations ; so is the Constitution of the Church, as well as the General Synod itself. For this reason it is not possible to legislate things into shape, or adjust vital interests in new relations, more rapidly than historical conditions and progress will allow. It must be borne in mind that our present condition so far as the prosecution of Home Missions is concerned, although abnormal, is the outgrowth of a state of things that, in the progress of our denominational development, could not be avoided ; and there is certainly room for gratitude and rejoicing because of the prosperity and success of our Missionary operations under the Tri-Synodic Board. All that has been gained in this way ought to be carefully conserved, and any change that is made in our mode of operation ought to be made without a jar or a dampening of zeal in any quarter.

It was, perhaps, unfortunate that the proposition to unify our Missions under the General Board was made as early as it was, at a time when the movement was regarded by many as premature. It was again unfortunate that when the question came up before this Synod at Norristown, it was at so late a day in the Session, when a large number of delegates had already left the Synod. In this way it happened that the movement towards unification has always been a little in advance of the general sentiment of those, particularly, who have been most earnest in the prosecution of Missions under the Tri-Synodic Board. These facts, we think, ought not to be overlooked in the consideration of the general question.

When we come, now, to consider in detail the plan submitted by the General Board, there are certain features which need to be examined.

First. The constitution of the Board itself. This, as a matter of course, is in the hands of the General Synod. Under the charter there are to be twelve members, and these are selected regardless of any ratio from the District Synods. Accordingly it is proposed that each District Synod shall have a Board of its own as advisory to the General Board. While it is not clear that this is the only way in which our Missionary operations can be successfully prosecuted, the plan is in harmony with our general method of work, and if the General Board is to have supreme control, it is certainly necessary to have the advisory Boards of the District Synods. But,

besides, it is the opinion of your committee that there is a widespread feeling in this Synod and the Potomac Synod that the constitution of the General Board is faulty inasmuch as certain portions of the Church which have contributed very liberally if not most liberally to the cause of Missions, are not proportionately represented on the Board, and that the members both of the Board and of its Executive Committee are geographically too far apart to insure full meetings and ready conference.

Secondly. The distinction made in the plan between "Missions" properly so-called, and weak Churches which receive "sustentation" under the management of District Synods (or perhaps classes) in the judgment of your Committee is valid, and serves to remove misunderstanding and to simplify the work.

Thirdly. The provision according to which the District Synods' Boards shall retain and manage "Church Building Funds," and the means suggested for the administration of trusts, we think, are sufficient to secure the church against loss, and to guard the rights and interests of different sections of the Church.

Fourthly. One of the most serious difficulties in the carrying out of the plan is the provision made, or want of provision for the prosecution of local Missionary work. The language used is as follows: "*Resolved*. That Boards of District Synods and Classes are requested to refer all matters in regard to starting new Missions within their bounds to this Board, and *further*, openings that may come under their observation as proper fields for Missionary operations for our Church should be reported to the General Board, which shall have final authority in the matter." This, in our opinion, leaves the way open for a clashing of opinion, or a difference of judgment between Classes, for instance, whose territory offers special opportunities for the founding of new churches, and the General Board, which may lead to diminished zeal, smaller contributions, and a general decline of Missionary activity.

Your committee would therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we heartily approve of the effort to unify our Home Mission work under the Board of the General Synod, and that, in its main feature the plan submitted by the General Board to the District Synods commends itself as a fair adjustment of most of the difficulties involved in such unification.

Resolved, 2. That certain features of the plan, viz. the constitu-

tion of the Board and the provisions concerning the founding of new Missions in places where our Church is already established, ought to be changed or more clearly defined.

Resolved, 3. That until such modifications are made, so as to insure the hearty co-operation of the friends of Missions throughout our territory, we continue to operate under the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, the so-called Tri-Synodic Board, which organization shall be continued with a view to bring about a complete adjustment of the whole question by unification under the General Board as speedily as possible.

JOHN S. STAHR,
GEO. B. RESSER,
CHAS. W. LEVAN,
J. J. HOFFMAN,
JOHN W. BICKEL.

The following additional resolutions were received and adopted :

WHEREAS, the report of the Committee on Unification of Home Missions, was so cordially approved by Synod, witnessing our appreciation of the wisdom and prompt work of said committee.

Resolved, 1. That the members of the same committee be re-appointed with the addition of two members from the so-called "Tri-Synodic Board" constituting a committee to aid in hastening the unification of our Home Missions.

Resolved, 2. That we suggest to General Synod's Board, and to our Board of Home Missions, the propriety of a Conference between these two Boards, with the view of adjusting such difficulties as may stand in the way of unification.

The President appointed Revs. E. N. Krefner and C. S. Gerhard as the additional members on the committee referred to in the 1st resolution.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and also the annual report of the Treasurer of Synod, were received. Both reports, with the exception of an item having reference to filling the vacancy in the Board, were referred to the Committee on Finance. The item in reference to an election was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The following are the reports :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN—Your Board of Trustees would beg leave to offer the following report :

1. The instructions given the Board at your last annual meeting "to take necessary steps to amend the act of incorporation so that the name of the corporation may conform to that of Synod" have been carefully observed.

The Board, in special sessions held at Reading, formally received such instructions, wrote, signed and attached the seal to a petition ; later asked the court to make the change. The application for change of title was duly advertised. The court granted the request, and the title of the corporation is accordingly changed, and is as follows: "*Trustees of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*"

The information of such change was given to the State Department, at Harrisburg, where by law a record of charters and changes of charters is kept.

2. After the change of title had been legally made the Board destroyed the old seal and procured a new one. We adopted the following inscription: *Incorporated March 30, 1859: Amended February 10, 1890.* These phrases are surrounded by the title: *Trustees of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States."*

3. Your Board hereby acknowledges special indebtedness for much gratuitous service given the Synod by Elder J. W. Bickel, Esq., Norristown, Pa. As our attorney he examined the law bearing on the change of title, drew petition and other papers, represented us on several occasions in the courts and had the proper records made in the State Department at Harrisburg.

We respectfully suggest that Synod record a suitable minute expressing appreciation of his valuable services.

4. The term of office of Elder J. J. Nissley expires on January 1, 1891.

According to the provision of the charter we nominate Rev. J. F. Moyer, Hummelstown, and Elder A. H. Miller, Lebanon, one of whom shall be elected his successor.

5. The Board, as now constituted, consists of the following persons: Elder J. J. Nissley, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1891; Elder D. B. Mauger, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1892; Rev. G. B. Resser,

whose term expires Jan. 1, 1893; Hon. G. D. Stetzel, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1894; H. Mosser, whose term expires Jan. 1, 1895.

6. The Board would call the special attention of Synod to the unpaid pledges and apportionments of Synod for Wichita University. These delinquencies compel us to pay interest annually, when we need funds for other purposes. If these several sums are not paid, such additional provision should be now made as would at the earliest date complete the work.

We would also call attention to arrearages on Classical apportionments. These deficiencies occasion the Treasurer unnecessary discomfort.

By order of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MOSSER, *President.*

John J. Nissley Treasurer in Account with Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CONTINGENT FUND GENERAL SYNOD.

1889.

DR.

Oct. 2. Cash from Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis. \$28 50

1890.

Apr. 12. " " H. C. Hoover, Tr. Phila. Classis..... 59 00

May 19. " " Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. West Susq.
Classis 18 90

Oct. 13. Balance due the Treasurer..... 63 92— 170 32

1890.

CR.

May 7. Paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer balance due on
apportionment..... \$170 32

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

1889.

DR.

Oct. 14. Balance in Treasury.....\$249 42

Oct. 15. Cash from Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh
Classis. 45 00

Dec. 7. " " Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis.. 12 97

1890.

Jan. 13. " " Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh
Classis. 25 00

March 1. " " Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis... 28 19

Apr. 26. " " Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis... 7 00

May 7. " " Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis... 21 00

May 24. " " Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh
Classis 10 00

Aug. 15. " " Rev. T. O. Stem, Tr. East Penna.
Classis 72 00

Sept. 11. " " J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lancaster
Classis 38 00

Sept. 15.	Cash paid Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. West Susq. Classis	\$ 34 00
Sept. 15.	" " H. C. Hoover, Tr. Phila. Classis.....	38 00
Sept. 15.	" " J. K. Funck, Tr. Lebanon Classis.....	79 00
Oct. 1.	" " D. B. Mauger, Tr. Goshenhoppen Classis	54 00
Oct. 2.	" " Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis	76 00
Oct. 3.	" " I. G. Gerhart, Tr. Tohickon Classis..	59 00
Oct. 7.	" " Rev. M. H. Deiffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis	80 00—\$928 58

1889.		CR.	
Oct. 14.	Paid Rev. Geo. B. Resser, traveling expenses..	1 11	
Oct. 29.	" Rev. E. A. Gernant, use of Church and Services, Sexton, Meeting of Synod Allentown.....	20 00	
Oct. 29.	" Rev. T. O. Stem, Expenses Chairman Com. Conference	7 45	
Nov. 5.	" Rev. J. P. Stein Stated Clerk Salary.....	150 00	
Dec. 16.	" Rev. J. P. Stein Stated Clerk Postage Expenses.....	44 06	

1890.			
Jan. 7.	" Expressage on Seal.....	30	
Jan. 22.	" Rev. Geo. B. Kesser, Traveling expenses...	2 22	
Jan. 22.	" D. B. Mauger, Traveling expenses.....	2 28	
Jan. 22.	" Jno. W. Bickel, Expenses paid by him for Prothonotary's fees and advertisement in procuring Amendment to Act of Incorporation of the Board of Trustees of Synod.....	29 38	
May 29.	" Reformed Publication House account printing Minutes of Synod.....	200 00	
July 23.	" D. B. Mauger, Traveling expenses.....	56	
July 23.	" Rev. Geo. B. Resser, Traveling expenses...	1 11	
Sept. 11	" Reformed Publication House, printing Minutes of Synod.....	120 95	
Sept. 25	" Harrisburg Stencil Works, New Press and Seal.....	5 00	
Oct. 14.	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	344 16—\$928 58	

SEMINARY AND GERHART FUND.

1890.		DR.	
March 4.	Cash from John W. Mish, Tr. 6 mos. interest on Cook legacy.....	30 00	
March 27.	" " Harrisburg City Bonds, 6 mos. int., Gerhart legacy.....	9 00	
March 28.	" " A. and L. Mountz, 6 mos. interest part Kieffer legacy.....	112 50	
March 31.	" " J. J. Bishop, 6 mos. interest balance Kieffer legacy.....	125 00	
Sept. 24.	" " John W. Mish, Treas. 6 mos. int., Cook legacy.....	30 00	
Sept. 11.	" " Harrisburg City Bonds, 6 mos. int., Gerhart legacy.....	9 00	
Sept. 30.	" " A. and L. Mountz, 6 mos. interest part Kieffer legacy.....	112 50	
Oct. 3.	" " J. J. Bishop, 6 mos. int., balance Kieffer legacy.....	125 00—\$553 00	

1890.

CR.

Apr. 26.	Cash paid Jno. B. Roth, Treas. Theological Seminary, 6 mos. int., Cook legacy.....	\$ 30 00	
Apr. 26.	6 mos. interest Keiffer legacy.....	237 50	
Sept. 15.	Cash paid R. F. Kelker, Treas. Foreign Missions, 12 mos. int., on \$100, Gerhart legacy.....	6 00	
Sept. 15.	Cash W. H. Seibert, Treas. Home Missions, 12 mos. int. on \$100, Gerhart legacy.....	6 00	
Sept. 15.	Cash Chas. G. Fisher, Treas. Board of Education, 12 mos. int., Gerhart legacy on \$100..	6 00	
Oct. 2.	Cash paid Jno. B. Roth, Treas. 6 mos. int., on Keiffer legacy.....	237 50	
Oct. 2.	6 mos. int. on Cook legacy.....	30 00	<u>\$553 00</u>

WICHITA UNIVERSITY FUND.

1889.

DR.

Oct. 15.	Cash from Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis.....	5 00
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1890.

Jan. 23.	Cash from Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis.....	34 00
Apr. 12.	" " Rev. A. Houtz, Tr. Wyoming Classis..	11 00
May 7.	" " " T. O. Stem, Treas. East Penna. Classis.....	25 00
May 7.	" " " T. O. Stem, Tr. for pledge made by Christ's Church, Bethlehem, Pa.....	20 00
	And for pledge also by Farmersville charge.....	20 00
May 24.	" " " M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis.....	41 00
June 12.	" " " T. O. Stem, Treas. contributed by Moore Township charge.....	7 00
June 12.	" " " T. O. Stem, Treas. contributed by Bushkill Centre Congregation.....	2 00
July 10.	" " " J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lancaster Classis.....	5 20
Sept. 15.	" " " W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susq. Classis.....	24 00
Sept. 29.	" " " Jacob Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis.....	56 00
Oct. 1.	" " " D. B. Mauger, Treas. Goshenhoppen Classis.....	36 00
Oct. 2.	" " " Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis.....	52 00
Oct. 3.	" " " I. G. Gerhart, Tr. Tohickon Classis..	40 00
Oct. 9.	" " " Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Tr. Lancaster Classis.....	28 00
		<u>\$406 20</u>

1890.

CR.

May 7.	Paid John J. Nissley, on account loan.....	115 00
Oct. 7.	" John J. Nissley, on account loan.....	263 20
Oct. 13.	" John J. Nissley, on account loan.....	28 00
		<u>\$406 20</u>

BOHEMIAN CHURCH AID.

1889.

DR.

Oct. 29.	Cash from Jno. W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis.....	\$ 9 00
Nov. 5.	" " D. B. Mauger, Treas. Goshenhoppen Classis.....	30 00

1890.

Jan. 23.	" " Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis.....	20 00
July 10.	" " " J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis.....	5 49
July 23.	" " " G. Graedel, Pastor Reformed Church Seattle, Washington, per hands W. H. Seibert, Treas. Home Missions.....	4 66
Sept. 15.	Cash from Rev. W. A. Haas, Tr. West Susq. Classis.....	1 55
Oct. 6.	" " J. K. Funck, Tr. Lebanon Classis...	13 00—\$ 83 70

1889.

CR.

Nov. 5.	Paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer.....	30 00
1890.		
Jan. 23.	Paid C. G. Gross, Treasurer.....	29 00
Sept. 15.	" " " " " ".....	11 70
Oct. 13.	" " " " " ".....	13 00—\$ 83 70

HARBOR MISSION.

1889.

DR.

Oct. 29.	Cash from Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis.....	18 00
Oct. 30.	" " I. G. Gerhart, Tr. Tohickon Classis..	7 00

1890.

Jan. 23.	Cash paid Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis.....	45 00
May 19.	" " " W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susq. Classis.....	5 00
July 10.	" " " J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis.....	9 48
Sept. 15.	" " " W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susq. Classis.....	17 50—\$ 91 98

1890.

CR.

Jan. 23.	Paid Charles Santee, Treasurer.....	70 00
Sept. 15.	" " " " " ".....	21 98—\$ 91 98

BOND DUE BOARD HOME MISSIONS.

1889.

DR.

Oct. 29.	Cash from Jno. W. Steinmetz, Tr. Schuylkill Classis.....	5 00
Nov. 2.	" " Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis.....	2 00

1890.

Jan. 23.	Cash from Rev. M. H. Diffenderfer, Tr. Lehigh Classis.....	36 00	
July 10.	" " " J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis.....	2 65	
Sept. 15.	" " " W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susq. Classis.....	3 09	
Oct. 6.	" " J. K. Funck, Treas. Lebanon Classis.....	9 00—	\$ 57 74

1890.

CR.

Jan. 23.	Paid Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer.....	43 00	
Sept. 15.	" " " " " ".....	5 74	
Oct. 13.	" " " " " ".....	9 00—	\$ 57 74

ARREARAGES.

CLASSES.	General Synod Contingent Fund.	District Synod Contingent Fund.	Wichita Univer- sity.	Bohemian Church Fund.	Harbor Mission Fund.	Bond to Home Mission Board.
East Pennsylvania.....			84 00		81 00	
Lebanon					108 00	
Philadelphia.....			52 00	18 00	35 00	14 00
Lancaster						
East Susquehanna.....	64 50	79 00	74 00	9 50	13 00	15 00
West Susquehanna.....						
Goshenhoppen			80 00			
Tobickon			101 00	30 00	77 00	
Lehigh.....			13 00			
Schuylkill		90 84				
Wyoming.....						
	64 50	169 84	404 00	57 50	314 00	29 00

We the undersigned examined the Treasurer's Report, compared vouchers and found it correct as stated.

H. MOSSER,

READING, PA., Oct. 15, 1890.

GEO. B. RESSER.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In presenting this my second annual report, I beg to call attention to the fact that one of the Classes failed to pay its apportionment for Contingent Expenses of General Synod, hence there is a deficiency of \$63.92 which should be included in the next apportionment, in case the arrearage referred to, will not be paid. The Treasurer would also inform Synod that at its last annual meeting there was outstanding for Wichita University fund, on apportionments \$370.20, on pledges \$403.70, and Synod made an apportionment of \$400, making a total of

\$1,173.90, on apportionments \$366.20 was paid, on pledges \$40, leaving outstanding on apportionments \$404, on pledges \$363.70, total \$767.70. There is unpaid on the loan made by Synod for this object \$566.00, another years interest will make the amount needed to repay the loan about \$600. Synod may be able to determine what amount of the sums outstanding will be paid, should it not be sufficient to pay the loan, some other provision should be made for the deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Oct. 14, 1890.

Report of Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance Submitted its Report. It was considered item by item and adopted. It is as follows, to wit :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Finance respectfully report as follows :

The items referred to us are :

1. The Report of the Treasurer of Synod.
2. The Report of the Trustees of Synod.
3. A request from the Theological Seminary for the apportionment of \$100 upon the Classes as Synod's portion of salary for Professor of Elocution.
4. General Synod directs this Synod to request its Classes to pay delinquencies on apportionment for Bohemian Church Aid.

Item 1. The Treasurer reports delinquencies on loan for Wichita University in the amount of \$600. Your Committee recommends that Synod hereby calls the attention of Classes, charges and individuals to the fact, that the amounts apportioned to them, and pledged by them, are legal debts, and requests them to make immediate payment of the same.

Item 2. The following Classes are in arrears in amounts and for purposes as follows :

CLASSES.	General Synod Contingent.	Eastern Synod Contingent.	Wichita University.	Bohemian Church Aid.	Harbor Mission.	Bond Due Home Mission.
East Pennsylvania.....			\$84 00		\$81 00	
Lebanon.....					108 00	
Philadelphia.....			52 00	\$18 00	35 00	\$14 00
East Susquehanna.....	\$64 50	\$79 00	74 00	9 50	13 00	15 00
Tohickon.....			80 00			
Lehigh.....			101 00	30 00	77 00	
Wyoming.....		90 84	13 00			
Total.....	64 50	169 84	404 00	57 50	314 00	29 00

Item 3. Your Committee recommends the following apportionment for the coming year :

CLASSES.	General Synod Contingent.	Eastern Synod Contingent.	Harbor Missions.	Teacher of Elocution.
East Pennsylvania.....	\$78 00	\$80 00	130 00	\$12 00
Lebanon.....	86 00	88 00	150 00	14 00
Philadelphia.....	40 00	42 00	70 00	3 00
Lancaster.....	40 00	42 00	70 00	7 00
East Susquehanna.....	37 00	39 00	60 00	6 00
West Susquehanna.....	35 00	37 00	60 00	6 00
Goshenhoppen.....	57 00	59 00	90 00	9 00
Tohickon.....	63 00	65 00	100 00	10 00
Lehigh.....	88 00	90 00	150 00	14 00
Schuylkill.....	82 00	84 00	140 00	13 00
Wyoming.....	37 00	39 00	60 00	6 00

Item 4. General Synod directs that the apportionment for its contingent expenses be paid within one year after the adjournment of General Synod.

Item 5. The thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby extended to Elder John W. Bickel, Esq., for his valuable legal services rendered the Board of Trustees of Synod in the change of the corporate title of the Synod and its Board of Trustees.

Item 6. Synod asks all Classes in arrears on assessments, and all unpaid apportionments, to pay their arrearages, and, if they do not

pay them, state their reasons for not complying with the *order* of Synod.

Item 7. The General Synod directs the Classes to pay the arrearages on the apportionment for Bohemian Church Aid.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PANNEBECKER, *Chairman.*

An election was held to fill the vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees of Synod. Revs. Wm. M. Landis, Wm. F. Lichliter and S. A. Leinbach were appointed tellers, who received the ballot, counted the votes and reported the results to the President; who announced to Synod the election of Rev. Jno. F. Moyer, of Hummelstown, as a Trustee of Synod, his term beginning January 1, 1891, and lasting five years.

An order for \$20.00 on the Treasurer was granted in favor of Rev. H. Mosser, Pastor of the Reformed Church Reading, Pa., for expenses incurred during the Sessions of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The judgment of the Committee, on Minutes of Classes, in regard to the several items, contained in its report, under the head of Irregularities was affirmed.

The requests coming from the General Synod, in regard to the necessity of bringing the cause of Missions to the individual member: to apportion such an amount upon the charges, as shall average five cents per member, per year, for three years, as a Church Building Fund; to take definite action to increase the funds for the cause of Foreign Missions; to increase the contributions to the Orphans Homes; to bring to the attention of the people, the importance of aiding the Society, for the Relief of Aged Ministers; and to urge that special account be made of the fact, that the coming year will be the Centennial year of the founding of the Society; and that the number of life members of the society should be increased, were adopted, and referred to the classes for further action.

Philadelphia Classis requests Synod to excuse it from taking action to increase the circulation of the *Missionary Herald*. Whereupon the following action was taken. WHEREAS, Negotiations are now

pending, looking to the establishment of a monthly, *Missionary Periodical*. *Resolved*, That the request of Philadelphia Classis be held in abeyance.

At the request of West Susquehanna Classis, Synod changes its record by inserting this fact, that at the urgent request of Prof. D. M. Wolf, on account of his ill health and inability to attend to the duties, his name was withdrawn from the ticket at the Synod of Allentown, in 1889, as a nominee for the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

At the request of Wyoming Classis Synod changes its record on page eighteen, of the Minutes of the Synod of Allentown, 1889, by rescinding the statement that Rev. L. C. Edmonds was dismissed to the Congregational Association, of New Jersey, and inserting the fact, that he was dismissed to Zion's Classis, Synod of the North West.

In response to the overture from Wyoming Classis, to discontinue the Annual Appropriation for a Teacher of Elocution, in the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., Synod adopted the action that it does not deem it wise to grant the request.

Synod reiterates its action of the Synod of 1889, in reply to the request of Lehigh Classis for German Minutes, that it does not deem it expedient to return to the publication of the Minutes of Synod, in the German Language.

The action adopted by Synod, on the 4th, 5th, 9th and 10th items in the Report on Minutes of Classes, under the head of Subjects Referred, namely, that of Lebanon Classis in declining to make apportionments for Harbor Missions, and its refusal to accept certain apportionments of Synod; that of Wyoming Classis in declining to accept \$24.00 of Synod's pledge to Wichita University; and that of Philadelphia Classis in failing to assume the apportionments of Synod, is, that these respective Classes be kindly urged to make payment of the same as soon as possible.

In connection with the above action, Synod reiterates its action adopted at the Synod of Allentown, 1889, recorded on page 72,

of its Minutes, namely, that those Classes, which decline to comply with the requests of Synod, touching apportionments for benevolent and educational purposes, be kindly and earnestly requested, for the Glory of God, and the honor of Synod, to reconsider their action.

The Philadelphia Classis was excused from raising building funds, for the use of the Tri Synodic Board of Missions.

The Stated Clerk reported that the Memorial from St. Paul's Church, Bethlehem, with the action of the Synod of Allentown, was returned to the offices of that Congregation: also that he notified in accordance with instructions, the Synods of Pittsburg and the Potomac to discontinue the Editorial Commission.

A copy of the *Weekly Messenger*, containing a sermon delivered by Rev. B. C. Wolff, D. D., at the opening of Synod at Reading, Pa., in 1841, was presented to Synod, and given in charge of the Stated Clerk to be kept in the Synod's Archives.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

No special action was taken on this subject, requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The annual report of the Publication Board for the year ending September, 1890, was received, read and referred to the Committee on Publication. The report is as follows:

To the Pittsburgh, Polomac and Eastern Synods :

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, in presenting its annual report to the Synods named, is pleased to state that your publication interests have been so well conserved, and the relations between the Board and the lessee in such thorough accord, that the necessity for calling the Board together was limited to the one regular annual meeting of September 3, 1890. At this meeting the Executive Committee, through the Secretary, reported that the books of the lessee and publisher had been carefully examined, verified as far as practicable and found correct in all particulars.

The gross receipts for 1889 show an increase above those for 1888 of upward of ten per cent., but being within \$40,000, the basis of the guarantee, the Treasurer, in accordance with the terms of the contract, received the quarterly guarantee of \$300, as shown by the following report of the Treasurer, Geo. W. Hensel, Esq., submitted to the Board :

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To balance in hands of Treasurer per report 1889,.....	\$1,782 06
Dec. 3, 1889, to cash, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, 3d qr., 1889,.....	300 00
Feb. 4, 1890, to cash, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, 4th qr., 1889,.....	300 00
Feb. 4, 1890, interest received,.....	65 32
May 29, 1890, to cash, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, 1st qr., 1890,.....	300 00
Aug. 29, 1890, to cash, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, 2d qr., 1890,.....	300 00

Total in hands of Treasurer,.....\$3,047 38

This rapidly-increasing sum in the Treasury and the handsome increase noted in the gross receipts of the publishing house emphasize the wisdom of your action in the present disposition of your publication interests, and the Board is encouraged to reiterate its recommendation made last year to preserve the existing arrangements for the editing and the general management of the *Messenger*, as also for the other publications, believing any change would check their growing popularity and circulation.

This important interest, whose preservation in the past has been a matter of anxious solicitude to you, and whose management and finances have evoked much animated discussion and conflict of opinion at your annual meetings, is to-day in a settled and healthy condition, and only needs the earnest co-operation of the pastors to widen its scope, broaden its literature and largely increase the revenue to the Synods during the term of the present lease. The

annual revenue received from the lessee and publisher is not the only value this interest possesses to the Synods, for with the increase of the revenue, the value of the plant and organization increases, and at the termination of the existing lease can command terms corresponding with or even greater than the percentage of growth.

The obligation on the part of the three Synods to guard the integrity of the contract with the lessee is clear, and generally understood and appreciated, requiring, therefore, no further influences to encourage pastors and others in their efforts to disseminate and support the authorized literature of the Church, yet the Board, from a purely business standpoint, directs attention to these financial returns, which, well-directed and persistent effort will yield your Treasury.

The attention of the Synods is called to the expiration at the end of this year of the terms of the following members of the Board : Hon. John Cessna, of the Synod of the Potomac, and Edward J. Durban, of the Eastern Synod.

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA, September 20, 1890.

The Standing Committee on Publication, to whom the Annual Report of the Publication Board was referred, submitted its report. The same was received, taken up item by item, and adopted, and is as follows :

Your Committee on Publication beg leave to offer the following report :

The only document referred to your committee is, the Annual Report of the Publication Board.

From this report we learn the following facts :

1. That our publication interests are in a healthy and flourishing condition, and that the relations between the Board and the lessee, during the past year, have been very harmonious.

2. That the gross receipts for the past year show an increase of about ten per cent. beyond those of the previous year.

3. That the funds in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board are rapidly increasing, and now amount to more than three thousand dollars.

We learn, also, from the proceedings of the Pittsburgh Synod,

that, that Synod accedes to the overtures of this Synod of last year, to preserve the existing arrangement for the editing and general management of the *Messenger*, and to discontinue the editorial commission.

With these facts before us your committee respectfully recommend the following resolutions for adoption :

Resolved, That Synod is highly pleased with the satisfactory condition and very promising outlook of our publication interests.

Resolved, That in view of this now settled and healthy condition of this important interest ; and, also, in view of the fact that the publications remain the property of the three Synods, the ministers and members of the Church be earnestly requested and urged to give their cordial support to the Board in the circulation of the *Reformed Church Messenger* and other periodicals issued by said Board.

Your committee also calls attention to the fact that the term of membership of Edward J. Durban expires at the end of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

TILGHMAN DERR, *Chairman*.

The following report was received, from the Stated Clerk, in reference to publishing the Minutes of the last Annual Sessions of Synod, and adopted :

The undersigned, as Stated Clerk of Synod respectfully reports, that in accordance with instructions, he had 3,300 copies of the Minutes of Synod of Allentown published in the English language at $9\frac{2}{3}$ cts. per copy, and distributed the same among those entitled to receive them.

JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have published 3,300 copies of the Minutes of Synod in the English language.

The second item in Report on Overtures, containing a proposition of Mr. Owen, Reading, Pa., to publish the proceedings of Synod at a certain figure was referred to the Stated Clerk for his consideration.

Edw. J. Durban was re-elected as a member of the Board of Publication, whose present term expires on the first of January next.

ARTICLE XX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the second day of the sessions the President appointed Revs. Wm. F. Lichliter, S. P. Mauger and Tilgh. Derr, as a Special Committee on Excuses for leave of Absence, and to prepare suitable resolutions of thanks for hospitality received. The applications made by members of Synod were reported and the requests were granted. The resolutions of thanks will appear under Article XXII. Resumption and Close.

Report of Bethany Orphans' Home.

The Report of Bethany Orphans' Home was presented to Synod through the Committee on Overtures, and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Samuel A. Leinbach, G. W. Roth and Elder Wm. Moyer.

The Report of the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home is as follows, to wit. :

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Mindful of the Divine blessings which have so manifestly attended this work throughout its history, and truly grateful to the Church which has so constantly and liberally supported the cause of the fatherless, the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home submits the following statement, and asks for your continued prayers and contributions in support, and for the increased usefulness of this branch of Church work.

The present number of children in the Home is 81. The general health of the inmates during the year was good; we had a few cases of sickness in the family, but no deaths.

The farm, worked by a farmer, and the Orphan boys under the direction of the Superintendent, is in a high state of cultivation, is well stocked, and considering the number of acres, yields much for the support of the family.

The Educational work in the Home receives due attention. Considering the class of children which we get, we naturally have some dull scholars, but these are encouraged in their studies and the brighter ones are given opportunities for intellectual improvement commensurate with the trust which the Board assumes, when

it takes these children for the purpose of raising and training them for life. With pleasure we here record the fact, that during the past year two of our fifteen-year-old boys, without lessening their working hours, advanced so far in their studies that they were enabled to pass very creditable teacher's examinations under the Superintendent of Public Instruction of Berks County.

Family worship and Church services are regularly held. During the year two boys were confirmed. Special attention is given to the work of familiarizing the children with the Bible as a whole and impressing leading facts upon their minds.

The contributions at the last Christmas season were very liberal, and enabled us to pay off the current debt, and also to take us through the Winter. But since then, as is our usual experience in Summer, the income has fallen far below our expenses. At the Quarterly Meeting of the Board held on the 10th of October, the Treasurer reported a deficit of \$1,455.85. Add to this the necessary bills for winter shoes, coal and a few other items including salaries for employees, we can see that our indebtedness by Christmas will not be less than \$2,000. The policy of the Board, as defined by recent action, is that legacies shall not be used for current expenses. Therefore we look to the Churches at the coming Christmas season to relieve the Home of the \$2,000 debt and make further provision for this work.

Our great need at present is more room to accommodate the deserving poor. Mothers, pastors and consistories unite in their appeals to the Board to take and shelter their orphans. The house at present is full, and the Board in order that these appeals may be heeded is about taking steps to increase the capacity of the Institution. We hope and pray therefore, that at the coming Christmas season congregations and Sunday Schools will unite in an earnest effort to do what lies in their power for the support of this work of the Lord.

In behalf of the Board,

Yours very truly,

THOS. M. YUNDT,

Secretary and Superintendent.

WOMELSDORF, PA., Oct. 13, 1890.

The Special Committee on Bethany Orphans' Home submitted the following report, which was considered item by item, and adopted.

The Report is as follows, to wit. :

Your Committee to whom was referred the statement of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home would respectfully report :

That we have examined the statement of the Board with much interest, and are rejoiced in the continued prosperity of this noble Institution. There are 81 children in the Home at the present time, and these are well-cared for bodily, mentally and spiritually. The Board deplores the sad fact that they have not more room to take in and shelter many other fatherless ones who plead for a home, and they are now considering the matter of increasing the capacity of the building so that more may find a Home in Bethany.

We regret that the Treasurer of the Home is again compelled to report an indebtedness, the income having fallen over \$1,455 below the expenses.

In view of these statements we beg leave to propose the following action :

Resolved, 1. That the success which has thus far attended the earnest and self-denying labors of the Board of Managers, Superintendent and friends of Bethany Orphans' Home, calls for devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father, and urges to renewed efforts in behalf of this noble charity.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod rejoices to hear that the Board is taking steps to enlarge the building so that a larger number of those knocking for entrance may be admitted to the protection and fostering care of the Home, and that we not only commend this purpose, but also pledge our hearty support.

Resolved, 3. That the cause of the Orphans be specially commended to the sympathy and liberality of Pastors, Congregations and Sunday Schools, and that they be earnestly requested during the coming Christmas festivities to remember the Home by liberal collections and donations.

Resolved, 4. That the Classes of this Synod requests its Pastors and Consistories to devise measures to increase the amount of contributions to the Home, so that the Institution may be in some degree assured of a reliable and regular income. A paper was also submitted to your Committee having reference to holding a Reunion of Reformed people of Eastern Pennsylvania, which is to be held in connection with the Anniversary of the Home next Summer, to be known as "Bethany Day of the Reformed Church."

Your Committee offers the following for adoption :

Resolved, That Synod heartily endorses the movement to which said paper refers, and commends the project to the hearty co-operation of the Churches.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL A. LEINBACH, *Chairman*.

Pastoral Support.

The subject of Ministerial Support, referred to a Special Committee of Elders, a year ago at the Synod of Allentown, was brought to the attention of Synod in the 9th item of the Report of Minutes of Synod. The Committee presented the following report which was adopted. It is as follows, to wit :

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN : The subject of " Pastoral Support " having been referred to a Committee of Elders by Synod at its last annual sessions, (see page 94 of Proceedings of Eastern Synod, 1889,) to report at the present session of Synod, the said Committee respectfully reports :

That we find the " Peculiar Expenses " of the Minister of the Gospel as follows :

- a. He is expected to maintain a respectable appearance.
- b. He must live in a style that will comport with the dignity of his position in the community.
- c. He is forced to entertain many persons, who visit the congregation for Church and benevolent objects, and must of necessity be " given to hospitality."
- d. He must of necessity be able to keep himself posted on the current church and secular literature of the times, and must provide himself with books and the improved educational appliances of the day.
- e. However others may fail to properly rear and educate their children, no excuse whatever, will be entertained for such neglect on the part of the Minister. He may have other " peculiar expenses," but the above will be sufficient to call the matter to the attention of the congregations of this synod, who now barely furnish their Pastors means sufficient to meet the most common and ordinary necessities of life, without even thinking of comforts ; while in many instances the battle for bread is so engrossing, that the luxuries of life are an unthought of and an unknown quantity.

As to the injunction of the Saviour, "that the laborer is worthy of his hire," it must be evident to every thinking mind that this truth when applied to a Minister of the Gospel, (though the words "laborer" and "hire" in this connection, may be misnomers,) is of doubtful meaning.

He is God's servant, then how can his professed children suffer him to want for the common necessities of life? Of all persons, the Minister should never be pressed for the necessities of life or the comfortable maintenance of his station. His calling is so high, his responsibilities to his Master's work so great; his duties so holy and important, that his mind should never be distracted, except in healthy recreation from his work; and he should never, with want staring him in the face, be harrassed and worried to make his ends meet.

Let every congregation take this important matter to heart and devise ways and means for the relief of the Pastor so that, in this mortal life, their work here may not be retarded and crippled, and their lives shortened by the neglect of the plain duty of Church members.

We feel that this paper is not complete without a few suggestions, as to how properly provide the Minister with his needful support free from care on his part.

1. Let no congregation call a Minister without prayerfully considering what salary is sufficient to properly support him, and beside enable him to lay aside something yearly for sickness and old age.

2. Having thus prayerfully performed the first essential duty, then pay him at stated periods—quarterly may do, but monthly is to be commended. It is shameful to make a minister wait a whole year for his salary, as this compels him to deal on credit, which oft-times places him in a condition which compromises him with his creditors, and the community at large.

Frequently when the year has expired the easy-going congregation is not ready to pay, and the trouble is aggravated by the congregation still continuing in arrears. Some one has said "that if Christians and Churches cannot keep their promises, one with the other, but defraud each other of their dues, who can be expected to be honest?"

3. Have some definite and systematic plan to raise the Ministers salary and all other Church expenses. The best plan is the Bible

plan, viz. "Upon the first day of the week, let every one lay by him in store, as the Lord has prospered him." Let every member feel it his and her duty to lay by something weekly. A "Lord's Drawer" might be set apart, and as each can spare something for the Lord, deposit it. How much might be laid by for this cause by practicing a little self-denial.

The whole subject of Christian benevolence is easily solved by not only the head, but every member of the family, making a systematic effort in a business way. Let every one be imbued with the "grace of liberality," with which the Macedonian Church was blessed even in their "deep poverty."

Many congregations have the "envelope" plan; others the "subscription" plan, but no plan is worth a trial that does not engage every member of the family in a systematic setting aside and giving, consecrated by prayer and a deep personal responsibility and personal obligation.

To fully call the attention of the congregations and have the co-operation of the Classes, we recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the attention of our congregations, be specially called to this important matter, and that the several Classes be requested to take the proper steps to bring the matter to the earnest individual attention of the members of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. BICKEL,

JACOB RADER,

GEO. W. HENSEL, *Committee.*

The following additional action was adopted in regard to the Report on Pastoral Support :

Resolved, That Synod directs the Stated Clerk to have ten thousand copies of the Report printed in English in pamphlet form and five thousand in the German language for a pro-rata distribution among the several Classes of this Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to inform the Stated Clerks of the respective Classes that the pamphlets on Ministerial Support, are to be delivered to the Elders of the respective charges entitled to them, for distribution among the members.

Sabbath Observance at Columbian Exposition 1893.

The 17th item in the Report on Overtures, having reference to the observance of the Sabbath at the Columbian Exposition in 1893, was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. J. B. Henry, Geo. B. Smith and Elder Theo. F. Butz, who presented on Tuesday the following report, which was adopted.

The report is as follows, to wit. :

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN : Your committee to whom was referred certain papers having reference to the proper observance of the Sabbath by the *World's Columbian Exposition* of 1893, begs leave to submit the following report :

WHEREAS, The United States of America is pre-eminently a Christian nation ; and,

WHEREAS, The prosperity and perpetuity of our nation, and the peace and well-being of her people, are dependent upon that which is distinctively Christian ; and,

WHEREAS, The Sabbath day is the first and fundamental Divine Institution appointed by the God of nations for the good of man ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Synod, desiring that the Christian consciousness of this nation may not be offended and her millions of Christian people not be robbed of their just pride in the *World's Columbian Exposition*, does heartily endorse the following appeal :

To the World's Columbian Commission :

In harmony with the Sunday laws of the States and Territories of the Union ; in the interest of public morals and religion, which are the bulwarks of free institutions ; in respect to the rights of the toiling millions ; for the benefit of the exhibitors and employes of the World's Fair ; in compliance with the well-known and expressed convictions, habits and desires of many millions of our fellow-citizens who respect and keep the Lord's Day, and for the more complete success of the Columbian Exposition to be held in Chicago in 1893, your petitioners hereby respectfully and earnestly request your honorable body to order that its *gates shall be closed* to the public on the Weekly Sabbath rest day, as was done at the grandly successful Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia in 1876, and also by the English Speaking Exhibitors at the last Paris Exposition, who covered their exhibits on that day.

Respectfully submitted,

JEROME B. HENRY, *Chairman.*

Our Literary Institutions.

In the Report on Overtures, the 11th, 12th and the 19th items, with the Catalogues of our Literary Institutions, were referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. G. W. Roth, J. E. Smith and Elder F. W. Vandersloot. The committee submitted the following report which was adopted.

It is as follows, to wit. :

Your Committee to whom were referred the Catalogues of the following named Institutions: Franklin and Marshall at Lancaster, Pa.; Ursinus at Collegeville, Palatinate at Myerstown and the Female College at Allentown, Pa., is pleased to find all these Literary Institutions in a flourishing condition, extending their usefulness in the various departments and spheres of education.

We would at this time call special attention to the Institution of this Synod. Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, which is entering upon a new epoch in its history. With its free tuition, its better equipment in the scientific departments, and its largely increased number of students, comes likewise the demand for an increased number of instructors and a still further endowment. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod acknowledges with devout gratitude, the blessing of Almighty God upon these various educational interests, and prays for a continuance of that benediction in the future.

Resolved, That these Institutions be commended anew to the prayerful attention and liberal patronage of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. ROTH, *Chairman*.

Society of Relief for Disabled Ministers.

The attention of Synod was directed to this subject by the following document which was placed into the hands of the Committee on Overture, and presented in its report under the 18th item. The request contained in the communication that the same should appear in the Minutes was cheerfully granted. The paper reads as follows, to wit. :

The Officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States in compliance

with the request of the Society and the desire of this Synod, present for record in the Minutes of the same, the following statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending Oct. 15, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per last year.....	\$2,253 68
Cash on hand from interest.....	1,736 24
Cash on hand from collections.....	1,396 15
	\$5,386 07

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to thirty-one annuitants.....	\$1,717 43
Paid for investments.....	1,800 00
Cash on hand.....	1,832 64
Paid for Miscellaneous items.....	36 00
	\$5,386 07

Investment Fund \$23,918.00.

During the year just closed there have been on the roll of the Society thirty-one annuitants, of which eight were disabled Ministers and twenty-three were the widows or dependents of deceased Ministers. In the coming year three Ministers and one widow will be added to the list of annuitants. Of the cash on hand, nearly all of it will be required to meet the apportionment made by the Society at the late annual meeting, and will be paid on or before the close of the civil year.

In the past year seventeen life members and four contributing or annual members have been enrolled from the collections and contributions received, to wit. :

Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Geo. Z. Mechling, D. D., H. M. Herman, D. D., D. F. Brendle, D. D., John Kretzing, J. H. Derr, A. B. Shenkle, H. Talhelm, C. S. Slagle, J. M. Mickley, G. W. Snyder, J. M. Evans, F. F. Bahner, Robt. E. Crum, J. H. Hartman, Prof. J. B. Kerschner and D. G. Klein.

Annual members: Revs. C. B. Heller, F. Strassner, F. A. Gast, D. D. and W. D. C. Rodrock.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President.*

T. FRANK HOFFMEIER, *Secretary.*

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The Lord's Day.

In agreement with the action of General Synod as expressed in the 18th item in the Report of the Minutes of Synod concerning

the aim and object of the American Sabbath Union, the following action was adopted.

WHEREAS, The Lord's Day is the most conspicuous divine institution, and its proper observance is essential to the maintainance of religious and civil liberty, as well as individual happiness in this world and that which is to come, and,

WHEREAS, There is a growing tendency to ignore the sanctity of the day, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod directs its pastors frequently to preach on the sanctity of the Lord's Day, and that it is the desire of Synod that the members of the Church join all legitimate efforts in their several localities to enforce the laws on this subject.

Rev. A. R. Kremer's Life of Dr. Nevin.

In connection with the 3d item of the Report on Overtures a copy of the Life of Dr. Nevin was presented to Synod, which was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Jno. S. Stahr, Ph. D., Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D. and Rev. S. P. Mauger. The Report of the Committee were presented on Monday, during the afternoon and was adopted. The report is as follows, to wit.:

To the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church:

Your committee to whom was referred a letter from the Rev. A. R. Kremer together with a copy of his life of Dr. Nevin, presented through the publisher, Mr. Daniel Miller, would respectfully offer the following report:

We have given the work referred to us as careful an examination as our time would allow. The book, although modest in its pretensions, is an interesting and forcible sketch of the life and character of the great men who for so many years constituted the central figure in the history of the Reformed Church. The author makes no attempt to give an exhaustive review of Dr. Nevin's writings or to present in detail his many-sided activity. All who desire full information on these points, he refers again and again to Dr. Appel's large work in which Dr. Nevin is quoted so freely and allowed to represent himself so fully. At the same time the author gives in the book under review, in simple, clear and often graphic language, a highly appreciative sketch of the great thinker and the still greater man whom he has undertaken to represent; and we believe that the book will be read with interest and profit, not only

by members of the Reformed Church, but also by others who desire or need information concerning one whose place in history is assured as one of the greatest Theologians of modern times.

JNO. S. STAHR, *Chairman.*

Report on Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations, had the following papers referred to them, viz: A communication from the President of the Board of Trustees of Synod; from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College; from the Stated Clerk of the Potomac Synod; items from the Report on the Theological Seminary; and from the Annual Report of the Board of Publication. By means of these referred papers and items, the committee was enabled to present its Report of Nominations on Monday. The report was adopted. Instructions were given to have a sufficient number of tickets printed for the use of Synod. The election was made the order of the day at 7 P. M.; the election was held, and the results were reported to and announced by the President.

The members elected on the respective Boards will be found noted in each case in its appropriate place.

The vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, have been filled by the election of Revs. Jacob O. Miller, D. D., E. R. Eschbach, D. D., and A. Herr Smith, Esq.

A letter was received from Rev. C. J. Musser, Corresponding Secretary of Potomac Synod, informing this body that its next annual meeting will be held in Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa., on the second Wednesday in October, 1891. Synod took note of this fact, and appointed the time for its next annual meeting on the third Wednesday in October, 1891.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are hereby returned to the pastor and members of the First Reformed Church, Reading, Pa.,

and to the pastors and members of the other churches who have aided them, for their delightful hospitality in entertaining the members of Synod and the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Synodical Woman's Missionary Society, and hereby express the pleasure it has enjoyed in being privileged to hold its annual sessions in this community.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are hereby returned to the authorities of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and of the Pennsylvania Railroad and branches, for the special excursion rates to the members of Synod travelling over their respective roads.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are hereby extended to Geo. F. Baer, LL. D., President of the Neversink Mountain Railroad, to Calvin M. Dechant, Superintendent of the Mt. Penn Gravity Railroad, and to A. J. Brumbach, President of the Electric Railroad, and the companies they represent, for the delightful pleasure trips over their respective roads, and the courtesies extended to the members of Synod and their friends.

Resolved, That Synod returns thanks to Messrs. Leinbach & Brother and to Dr. Jacob H. Stein, for free conveyance on the street cars.

The roll was called, and no one was absent without being excused.

The minutes were read and adopted.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That when we adjourn finally, it be to meet again in annual sessions in Reformed Salem Church, at Harrisburg, Dauphin county, Pa., on the third Wednesday of October A. D., 1891, at 7:30 P. M.

The Synod adjourned finally on Tuesday forenoon, October 21st, at 11:30 A. M., by gathering around the chancel in the singing of a hymn, repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer and singing the doxology. The benediction was pronounced by the President.

TILGH. O. STEM, *President*.

JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

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JNO. P. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Bapt's.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excomm. ted.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sit. for Min.	Beneficent Purposes.	Contributions.	M. of Synod.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
Cyrus J. Becker	Howtown	2	632	489	40	3	35	10	536	5	0	20	4	395	1	\$ 375	\$ 1,890	6	Catasauqua, Lehigh county, Pa.	
Daniel F. Brendle, D. D.	Farmersville	3	620	490	51	0	20	4	520	7	0	36	7	360	4	123	1,200	10	Bethlehem, Northampton do	
E. W. Reinecke, D. D.	Plainfield	3	810	620	58	1	7	0	660	4	0	23	6	4	134	1,500	4	Nazareth, do do		
Robert Lisberger	St. Peter's	2	131	42	15	1	15	0	72	15	0	5	2	200	1	55	1,280	6	Bath, do do	
Martin A. Smith	Dryland	2	575	350	26	0	29	0	375	3	0	13	2	200	1	214	800	8	Nazareth, do do	
T. G. Porter, D. D., LL. D.	Prof. in Lafayette Col.																	do		
Charles Becker	Without charge																	do		
Horace Daniel	do																	do		
W. D. C. Rodrock	Engaged in Bible W'k.																	do		
T. O. Stem	St. Mark's, Easton	1	400	175	31	0	8	13	395	0	0	7	1	35	420	0	128	1,680	10	Nazareth, Northampton county, do
Thos. A. Huber	Towamensing	3	426	200	35	1	6	5	297	1	0	20	6	34	280	0	171	1,331	16	Weissport, Carbon county, Pa.
John J. Crist	Without charge																	do		
J. E. Smith	Moore Township	3	712	550	31	1	22	0	460	0	0	12	4	400	3	160	1,770	7	Bath, Northampton county, do	
James W. Mabry	Kreidersville	2	750	540	40	0	0	0	500	6	0	21	8	45	500	1	256	1,150	16	Cherryville, Northampton co., do
J. G. Neff	Without charge																	do		
Jos. H. Schlappig	do																	do		
Frank W. Smith	Pleasant Valley	3	535	385	44	0	37	1	342	0	0	21	5	395	0	93	1,166	14	Effort, Monroe county, do	
H. M. Kleffer, D. D.	Third St., Easton	1	489	200	13	1	29	9	398	8	0	10	3	54	335	0	2,956	4,475	14	Easton, Northampton county, do
John Kretzing	Without charge																	do		
George B. Smith	Tannersville	4	479	435	37	4	63	0	386	0	0	11	4	42	306	0	82	596	17	Broadheads, Monroe county, do
Wilson F. More	Salem's, Catasauqua	2	256	157	24	0	18	12	215	2	0	3	1	11	160	0	250	1,125	12	Tannersville, Monroe county, do
J. O. Lindaman	Christ Church, Bath	1	275	102	22	0	14	13	184	2	0	6	1	26	150	0	61	1,775	7	Catasauqua, Lehigh county, do
C. W. Levan	Grace Chapel, Easton	1	154	76	8	1	12	12	127	1	0	3	1	22	125	0	72	2,047	8	Bath, Northampton county, do
John Wolbach	Without charge																	do		
Geo. W. Remagen	do																	do		
S. P. Mauger	Mt. Bethel	2	455	166	19	0	24	0	380	10	0	10	2	20	252	0	165	1,325	16	Nazareth, Northampton county, do
Russell N. Koplin	Zion's, Stroudsburg	1	42	7	1	0			27	2		1	12	50	0			Pa.		
John J. Stauffer	Weissport	2	355	310	20	0	52	32	236	0	6	9	2	31	206	0	171	900	13	Stroudsburg, Monroe county, do
Samuel A. Hittner	Bangor	2	119	147	35	12	37	9	181	0	0	4	2	38	147	1	30	1,495	18	Weissport, Carbon county, do
Charles B. Weaver	Hamilton	2	191	145	7	0	0	0	62	0	0	1	3	43	125	0	19	392	6	Bangor, Northampton county, do
Gustave A. Schwedes	Christ Ch., Bethlehem	1	415	175	10	0	26	62	340	6	4	11	1	48	375	0	596	2,650	14	Sciota, Monroe county, do
Slas F. Laury	Broadheads	3	500	423	23	0	1	2	397	0	0	16	3	35	300	0	83	623	8	Bethlehem, Northampton co., do
Albert Lobach	St. Paul's, Bethlehem	1	277	213														do		
N. Z. Snyder, Supply	Freemansburg	1	183	98	4	0	6	4	125	10	4	7	1	110	0	82	530	10	Bethlehem, Northampton county, do	
J. E. Smith, Supply	Bushkill Centre Cong.	1	114	70	5	0	0	0	39	0	0	2	1	90	0	9	325	3	South Bethlehem, N. Ham'n co., do	
Tobias Kessler, Supply	do	1	114	70	5	0	0	0	39	0	0	2	1	90	0	9	325	3	Bath, Northampton county, do	
T. A. Fenstermacher, Lic.	Kittersville	1	140	102	2	0	0	0	92	0	0	1	1	60	0	19	425	4	Allentown, Lehigh county, do	
Charles E. Stover, Lic.	do																	Philadelphia, N. Y.		

33 Ministers. 2 Licentiates.

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T. O. STEM, Stated Clerk.

LEBANON OLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congreg'ns.	Members.		Bapt.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excom'ted.	Deaths.	S. Schools.		Officers and Teachers.	S.S.Schol's.	Stu. for Min.	Contributions		M. of Synod.	Post Office Address.	
			Unconfir'm'd.	Adults.	Infants.	Purposes.							Benefic'nt Purposes.									
Jonathan E. Hiestler, D. D.,	Annville, ...	4	560	340	35	9	36	6	485	4	*	17	4	375	65			\$ 409	\$ 1,200	20	Annville, Lebanon county, Pa.	
T. Calvin Leinbach, ...	Bernville, ...	6	1435	980	76	1	45	15	1299	10		35	15	450	75			335	2,500	12	Womelsdorf, Berks county, do	
Eli E. Hiestler, ...	Without charge, ...																					Straustown, do
Daniel B. Albright, ...	do do do				2																	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, do
James A. Schultz, ...	do do do																					Colebrookdale, Berks county, do
Richard S. Appel, ...	Shartersville, ...	4	300	190	24	1	36		318	1		13	2	150				36	1,150	5	Hamburg, Berks county, do	
Adam J. Bachman, ...	Shaefferstown, ...	4	760	700	76	4	36	16	525	3	1	35	5	500				157	2,000	25	Schaefferstown, Lebanon co., do	
Henry J. Welker, ...	Tulpehocken, ...	5	1348	733	50		16	35	1130	5		26	7	740	58	1		338	1,960	25	Stouchsburg, Berks county, do	
William J. Kershner, ...	Sinking Spring, ...	4	1180	600	80		29	7	1090	20		65	5	600	40			275	1,450	20	115 South Third street, Reading, do	
L. D. Stambaugh, ...	Womelsdorf, ...	4	576	460	24	1	24	15	491	9		17	4	422	66			114	1,267	20	Rehrersburg, Berks county, do	
Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., ...	Pres. of Palatinate Col., ...	1	264	169	7		5	1	177	1		4	1	192	41	1		445	7,864	9	Myerstown, Lebanon county, do	
George B. Reeser, ...	St. John's Ch., Leb., ...	3	1030	550	41		89		979	10		17	4	375				235	1,700	14	931 Willow street, Lebanon, do	
Samuel A. Leinbach, ...	Bern, Epier & St. Mich'l	2	36	67	2							1	1	81	6			56				126 North Fifth street, Reading, do
Thomas M. Yundt, ...	Bethany, ...	3	124	50	15		4	3	68	1		1	1	180	10			28	325	6	Womelsdorf, Berks county, do	
James B. May, ...	Birdsboro', ...	1	269	230	21		14	56	160	2		2	1	350	31			72	1,710	9	Birdsboro', Berks county, do	
Oliver E. Steckel, ...	St. Mark's Ch., Leb., ...	1	559	265	14	2	12	6	440	6		7	1	270	33			447	1,250	9	Lebanon, Lebanon county, do	
Henry Hilbish, ...	Myerstown, ...	5	493	340	41	2	13	2	398	12		25	5	197	35	2		166	1,044	15	Myerstown, Lebanon county, do	
James A. Wickert, ...	Swatara, ...	1	340	200	17		23		395			6	5	500				500	250			Jonestown, Lebanon county, do
Bellevue cong., ...	Bellevue cong., ...	1	875	600	30	5	47	15	535	42		13	1	550	74			1219	2,900	14	Myerstown, Lebanon county, do	
David U. Wolff, ...	Without charge, ...																					Lebanon, Lebanon county, do
David E. Kloppe, D. D., ...	First Ch., Lebanon, ...	4	900	600									9	600						15		Orefield, Lehigh county, do
B. F. Biery, Licentiate, ...	Allegheny vacant, ...																					
		51	11079	7044	525	29	429	171	8485	126	1	288	71	6472	614	6		\$4,357	\$28,570	239		

*Supplied by Rev. M. H. Miahler.

J. E. Hiestler, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.			CHARGES.										POST OFFICE ADDRESS.							
Congregat'n.	Members.	Unconfirmed	Bapt'm.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schol's.	Officers and Teachers.	Stu. for Min.	Benev't Purposes.	Contributions	Min. of Syn.		
																	Conf'g Purposes.			
E. V. Gerhart, D.D., LL. D.	1	85	19	2		11	84	1								\$ 350	\$ 171	6	Lancaster, Lancaster county, Pa.	
Theodore Appel, D.D.																		do do do		
Alfred B. Shenkle																		Lancaster, do do do		
T. G. Apple, D.D., LL. D.																		Millersville, do do do		
*Ethan E. Higbee, D.D.																		Lancaster, do do do		
John M. Titzel, D.D.	1	428	156	17	1	13	9	352	14			8	300	34		333	2,034	16	do do do do do do do do do	
Joseph H. Dubbs, D.D.																		do do do do do do do do do		
Frederick A. Gast, D.D.																		do do do do do do do do do		
A. Carl Whitmer																		do do do do do do do do do		
John P. Stein	2	243	79	12	4	13		207	8			5	2	105	32	1	262	1,000	10	Millersville, do do do do do do do do do
Darius W. Gerhard	2	319	90	10	20	26		1	269			3		299	47		227	862	16	Lancaster, do do do do do do do do do
Stephen Schweitzer	4	643	330	42	5	43	3	557	3			23	4	200	52		66	900	8	Lincoln, do do do do do do do do do
Daniel C. Tobias	4	392	244	22	8	10	2	303	3			10	2	110	16		87	562	12	Littitz, do do do do do do do do do
Ellis N. Krenner	1	431	127	16	6	31	13	320	5			9	1	343	50		505	2,644	15	Harrisburg, Dauphin county, do do do do do do do do do
Milton H. Sangree	1	79	65	11	4	9	13	72	7			4	3	1	145	15	39	247	4	Steelton, do do do do do do do do do
George W. Snyder	1	145	83	14	3	7	11	103	2			3	1	182	29		290	732	8	Harrisburg, do do do do do do do do do
John M. Souder	2	260	140	12	9	21	4	233	4			11	6	2	135	15	196	2,440	12	Lancaster, do do do do do do do do do
John M. Souder	1	258	211	7	5	15	6	171	2			9	4	269	24		187		10	N. Providence, do do do do do do do do do
Jonath. H. Pannabecker	1	183	193	37	3	29	6	164	24			15	8	1	408	33	61	845	8	Columbia, do do do do do do do do do
William F. Lichter	2	135	60	4	3	3	2	111	4			8	7	1	102	24	116	547	12	Lancaster, do do do do do do do do do
Jafrus P. Moore	2	110							60	4		4	2	1	80	15			75	Higashi, Sambacho, Seesdal, Jap. do do do do do do do do do
Samuel M. Roeder	1	110																	12	Elizabethtown, Lancaster co., Pa. do do do do do do do do do
Committee of supply																			6	Marietta, do do do do do do do do do
David B. Schneider																			16	Manheim, do do do do do do do do do
Warren J. Johnson	2	275	120	14	8	22	11	206				2	2	335	44	2	237	1,540	12	Manheim, Lancaster county, Pa. do do do do do do do do do
James W. Meninger	1	420	170	14	17	34	17	370	3			12	1	360	46		600	2,444	16	Manheim, do do do do do do do do do
John F. Mackley	2	115	83	6	3	91						4	2	160	30		37	310	6	Maytown, do do do do do do do do do
John F. Moyer	4	312	117	24	12	31	13	254	5			13	4	230	26	1	387	1,200	8	Hummelstown, Dauphin county, do do do do do do do do do
J. Stewart Hartman	3	298	154	8	14	28	6	239	2			4	6	3	360	43	74	631	12	New Holland, Lancaster co., do do do do do do do do do
Committee of supply	3	385	130	1				349				4	1	3	130	30	68		6	Reamstown, do do do do do do do do do
George Mull																			do	do do do do do do do do do
Richard C. Schledt																			do	do do do do do do do do do
Totals,.....		39	5,476	2,561	277	123	338	128	4,515	90		137	35	4,253	599	4	\$ 4,117	\$1,516	200	

Licentiate, John B. Kieffer, Ph. D., Prof. in Franklin and Marshall College, Students for the Ministry, Alfred M. Schaffer and Geo. Kinzo Kaneko.

*Deceased. †Dismissed to Maryland Classis, Synod of Potomac. ‡Dismissed to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of Potomac.

Lieut. J. V. George received and ordained; post-office address, Reamstown, Lancaster county, Pa. Lic. M. M. Noecker received and ordained; post-office address, Harrisburg, Dauphin county, Pa. Rev. George Merle Zacharias received, post-office address, Marietta, Lancaster county, Pa.

DARIUS W. GERHARD, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MEMBERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Bapt's	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	S. S. Scholars.	Stu. of Ministry.	Contributions.	Post Office Address.
Rudolph Duenger, D. D.,	Aahland,	1	300	250	36	18	2	270	3	2	5	11	11	22	200	200	\$ 100 00	\$ 800 00	5 Aahland, Schuylkill county, Pa
Aaron R. Hottenstein,	Mahanoy,	4	325	189	34	6	4	275	7	2	10	11	4	5	177	281 00	641 00	16 Mahanoy, Northumberland co., do	
George B. Dechant,	Namidia,	3	411	375	25	17	356	356	10	3	3	11	4	5	325	325 00	5175 00	20 Catawissa, Columbia county, do	
Thomas J. Hatcher,	Shamokin,	3	720	560	135	2	29	612	10	3	3	16	2	58	750	410 00	11210 00	25 Shamokin, Northumberland co., do	
*Samuel Kuhn,	Burysburg,	3	186	111	15	46	29	140	10	3	3	3	2	29	211	78 16	348 00	4 Elizabethtown, Dauphin county, do	
J. Calvin Leinbach,	Sunbury,	1	337	170	21	5	7	234	14	2	2	12	1	28	225	224 00	1513 00	12 Sunbury, Northumberland county, do	
Joshua H. Derr,	Catawissa,	1	100	80	14	15	25	300	14	2	2	3	1	8	90	85 85	1039 61	10 Catawissa, Columbia county, do	
Tilghman Derr,	Millersburg,	3	412	210	25	3	19	8	318	3	3	12	3	32	285	200 00	1300 00	16 Millersburg, Dauphin county, do	
Charles H. Mutschler,	Augusta,	4	261	123	23	17	7	230	9	10	4	10	4	26	114	76 00	798 00	11 Sunbury, Northumberland county, do	
Henry H. Sandoe,	Mt. Carmel,	3	221	128	30	7	1	186	5	26	7	7	3	23	243	64 00	1006 00	15 Mt. Carmel, Northumberland co., do	
Geo. J. Lieberger,	Deep Creek,	4	223	140	25	52	12	201	5	3	4	3	4	30	260	93 00	590 00	8 Hedges, Schuylkill county, do	
S. P. Brown,	Uniontown,	4	420	200	36	18	7	334	4	1	1	3	5	20	160	220 00	771 00	12 Pellow, Dauphin county, do	
Vacant,	Line Mountain,	5	358	232	1	190	272	190	190	1	1	1	1	1	50	9 24	39 00	do Ringtown, Schuylkill county, do	
N. W. Matthew Sechler,	Ringtown,	4	190	139	1	120	30	461	30	2	2	2	2	2	200	15 00	115 00	do Fidersville, Dauphin county, do	
C. W. E. Siegel,	Armstrong V.,	4	160	140	1	120	120	120	120	1	1	1	1	1	40	4 90	75 00	do	
Vacant,	Graustown,	1	30	25	1	30	30	30	30	1	1	1	1	1	143	2	\$185 75	\$2500 61	144
Vacant, Supply.																			
Salem,	G. B. Dechant,	1	30	25	1	30	30	30	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
David S.,	A. Hottenstein,	1	67	41	12	12	12	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

*Dismissed to West Susquehanna Classis.

J. GALVIN LEINBACH, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregation.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Bapt's	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	S. S. Scholars.	Sta. for Min.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	Contribu- tions	Min. of Syn.	Post Office Address.
C. Z. Weiser, D.D.,	New Goshenhoppen,	21000	470	68	23	4	971	2	38	2	50	450	2	1066	\$ 159	21	East Greenville, Montgomery co., Pa.			
L. Kryder Evans,	Trinity, Pottstown,	1	745	75	48	27	660	15	43	2	87	600	4	543	9800	16	Pottstown, do do			
A. L. Dechant,	Old Goshenhoppen,	4	700	375	13	10	614	20	23	5	50	575	4	279	2000	26	Pennsburg, do do			
S. M. K. Huber,	Wenar's,	3	750	350	50	1	655	2	23	2	33	275	4	525	1700	18	Skippackville, do do			
Ell Keller, D.D.,	Zionsville,	3	860	430	55	1	725	5	31	3	35	420	4	340	1093	9	Zionsville, Lehigh county, do do			
I. S. Sahr,	Oley,	4	780	410	55	84	2	572	10	5	32	380	3	516	940	16	Oley, Berks county, do do			
C. H. Herbst,	Pottstown,	2	620	475	50	39	45	417	23	2	58	470	1	160	3000	12	Pottstown, Montgomery county, do do			
C. S. Wileand,	Zion's, Pottstown,	1	265	190	13	7	12	215	9	1	34	185	1	101	3700	10	Pottstown, do do			
C. E. Freeman,	Boyetown,	2	579	478	26	7	20	362	13	5	32	359	1	378	1600	15	Boyetown, Berks county, do do			
J. E. Fisher,	Falkner Swamp,	1	426	176	14	17	7	302	4	1	27	165	1	78	1175	8	New Hanover, Montgomery co., do do			
*P. P. A. Hoffman,	Hill,	2	310	160	30	1	280	10	14	3	26	140	1	17	750	8	Reading, Berks county, do do			
L. D. Leberman,	Without charge,	1	280	125	10	27	248	10	6	3	28	123	1	113	1200	7	7th street & Girard avenue, Phila., do do			
J. H. Leinbach, supply,	Amityville,	1	91	57	6	1	75	1	3	1	12	75	1	22	250	8	Reading, Berks county, do do			
Rob't C. Weaver, do	Chestnut Hill,	1	165	109	7	1	119	3	8	3	1	6	60	30	300	6	Coopersburg, Lehigh county, do do			
J. E. Freeman, do	Sassaman's,	1	175	140	14	11	3	60	1	1	12	90	1	88	441	10	Boyetown, Berks county, do do			
Ell Keller, D.D., do	Christ, (Huber's),	29	7686	4555	480	266	133	6275	94	26	260	37	597	4206	13	209	6	Zionsville, Lehigh county, do do		
Died June 28, 1890.																		\$4206		

C. WIEAND, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF TOHICKON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members		Bapt's		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Discontinued.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	S. S. Scholars.	Stu. for Min.	Contributions		Min. of Syn.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Beneficial Purposes											Congregational Purposes.					
David Rothrock, ...	Nockamixon, ...	1	408	171	23	2	18	1	346	5	3	9	3	22	140	1	\$ 204	\$ 965	10	Kintnersville, Bucks county, Pa.	
S. K. Gross, ...	Ridge Valley, ...	2	306	185	20	1	21	13	232	3	1	8	1	8	56	1	37	386	12	Schlichter's, do do	
L. A. F. Ziegler, ...	Keller's, ...	2	410	208	10	1	12	6	296	1	7	7	1	22	60		64	11	do do		
Levi C. Shepley, ...	Doylesstown, ...	1	150	90	3	4	10	4	130	3	30	2	1	15	120	2	60	600	6	Doylesstown, do do	
Jacob Kehm, ...	Indian Creek, ...	2	900	450	58	1	32	3	700	7	35	3	30	300	2	460	1,215	20	Sellersville, do do		
N. Z. Snyder, ...	South Bethlehem, ...	2	500	325	44	19	56	341	5	1	20	13	3	40	300	1	146	1,090	16	South Bethlehem, North county, do	
F. J. Mohr, ...	Quakertown, ...	3	682	390	32	4	31	28	609	4	7	16	4	65	425	1	391	1,238	16	Quakertown, Bucks county, do	
James G. Dengler, ...	Sellersville, ...	4	544	175	17	4	21	18	503	12	1	16	4	46	370	206	539	1,575	26	Sellersville, do do	
R. C. Weaver, ...	Friedensville, ...	3	658	510	90	1	23	14	565	6	44	11	4	46	370	206	539	1,575	16	Coopersburg, Lehigh county, do	
A. B. Koplin, D.D., ...	Lower Saucon, ...	4	670	345	25	1	23	14	565	6	10	6	48	405	423	1,245	8	1,245	8	Hellertown, Northampton co., do	
H. F. Seiple, ...	Hilltown, ...	2	392	191	19	7	17	8	385	4	11	2	21	110	85	793	1,005	1,790	12	Lansdale, Montgomery county, do	
B. B. Ferer, ...	Riegelsville, ...	1	264	150	17	1	13	5	230	8	3	1	24	225	1,005	1,790	1,005	1,790	9	Lansdale, Bucks county, do	
J. J. Rothrock, ...	Lansdale, ...	1	212	90	2	4	13	23	197	2	2	6	1	23	266	117	1,005	1,790	12	Riegelsville, Bucks county, do	
Milton H. Mill, ...	South Easton, ...	1	225	150	10	1	13	23	145	6	6	1	29	205	1,777	1,005	1,777	1,005	10	South Easton, Northampton co., do	
Jacob G. Dubbs, ...	Springfield, ...	3	495	250	31	1	10	385	1	12	345	16	2	32	260	2	208	1,700	20	Coopersburg, Lehigh county, do	
Samuel H. Phillips, ...	Durham, ...	2	415	225	23	1	12	345	1	1	50	4	3	25	135		59	640	15	Durham, Bucks county, do	
T. C. Strock, ...	Tinticum, ...	3	328	152	10	8	25	1	215											15	Erwinna, do do
James R. Lewis, ...	Prin. Riegelsville Acad., ...	3	328	152	10	8	25	1	215												Riegelsville, do do
James R. Brown, Lie, ...		37	7513	3966	435	35	239	220	6284	75	119	229	53	588	4119	7	\$4,581	\$21,532	219		

† Deceased. * Dismissed to Westmoreland Classis. † Dismissed to West Susquehanna Classis.

Rev. Jonathan W. Miller was received from Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod, and installed pastor of the South Easton Charge.

N. Z. SNYDER, Stated Clerk;

CLASSIS OF LEHIGH.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.			Unconfirmed.	Bapt's		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd.	Erasures.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	S. S. Scholars.	Stu. for Min.	Contributions.		Min. of Synod.	Post Office Address.			
		Infants.	Adults.	Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.																			
W. A. Helfrich, D.D.	Ziegel's,.....	850	700	95	43	1	725							66	12			600	6	196	00	20	Fogelsville, Lehigh county, Pa.		
A. J. Herman	Zion's,.....	625	225	32	3		725							30	5			60	1	144	50	12	Maxatany, Berks county, do		
W. K. Hofford, D.D.	Egypt,.....	960	490	66	6	4	820	11						20	9			570	3	515	00	30	520 Turner street, Allentown, do		
Abm Bartholomew	Mahoning,.....	625	350	67	34		434							16	11			350	3	185	00	36	Lehighon, Carbon county, do		
E. J. Fogel	Jordan,.....	900	600	67	54	6	820	11						33	8			350	3	500	00	20	Fogelsville, Lehigh county, do		
S. G. Wagner, D.D.	St. John's, (Allentown)	540	237	17	14	11	423	4						7	1			536	3	534	00	25	24 South 7th street, Allentown, do		
A. J. G. Dubbs, D.D.	Salem's,	1000	900	147	2	85	850	15					85	66	1			1150	1	208	00	15	523 Walnut street, do		
Benjamin Weiss	Lehighville,	375	325	20	20	515	5							15	6			375	3	145	00	25	Lehighville, Berks county, do		
J. Fritinger	St. Mark's,	125	90	12	11	10	85						20	6	1			3	35	00	3000	00	7	355 Hamilton street, Allentown, do	
Thomas N. Keber	Macungie,	650	350	46	28	397	2							24	7			340	1	383	00	30	622 Walnut street, do		
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.	Principal Normal School,	800	600	96	36	655								42	5			600	3	225	00	25	Kutztown, Berks county, do		
James N. Hachman	Jacksonville,	375	150	17	25	245	5							11	2			125		70	00	8	Lynnport, Lehigh county, do		
N. W. Helfrich	His father's assistant	845	540	27	22	15	10						15	97	1			530		755	00	25	Fogelsville, do do		
John H. Leinbach	St. John's, (Kutztown),	180	146	34	12	18	144							2	1			240		94	00	18	Reading, Berks county, do		
W. M. M. Rely, Ph. D.	Christ's, (Allentown),	127	75	25	15	2	85							8	1			60		70	00	14	167 Turner street, Allentown, do		
Alfred P. Horn	Summit Hill	440	225	42	23	44	340	13					10	7	1			300		600	00	14	Summit Hill, Carbon county, do		
Nevel F. Peters	St. John's, (Lehighon),	440	349	32	13	17	311	2						9	1			33		185	00	14	Slatington, Lehigh county, do		
J. Alvin Reber	Zion's, (Lehighon),	280	150	5	15	4	951							3	2			344		190	00	8	Lehighon, Carbon county, do		
Henry D. Kurts	Without charge,	120	65	1			76							2	2			60		20	00	20	Allentown, do		
F. B. Hahn	Kutztown and Tipton,	120	65	1			76							3	2			300		35	00	10	Kutztown, Berks county, do		
Abm. Bartholomew, supply	St. Peter's congregation,	125	70	1			100							3	1			116		113	00	26	Coopersburg, Lehigh county, do		
M. H. Bresinger, do	Blandon	120	65	1			76							2	2			300		35	00	10	24 South 7th street, Allentown, do		
R. C. Weaver, do	Emaus	110	80	10		3	90							2	1			116		113	00	26	Fleetwood, Berks county, do		
C. Ernest Wagner	His father's assistant,	350	215	20	9	3	290						3	7	3			160		43	70	12	Shamokin, do		
M. H. Bresinger	Fleetwood,																					Cherryville, do			
J. C. J. Kurts	Without charge,																					Allentown, do			
J. W. Mabry, supply	Friedrich's,																					Allentown, do			
Geo. W. Richards	Assistant of Dr. Dubbs,																								
Raymond E. Butts, Llc.,																									
		51	11,392	4,900	861	10	516		299	8,421	61		145	343	91	547	77	59	28	19,18	72	4	1605	55	352

M. H. DIFFENDEEFER, Stated Clerk.

KLASSIS ÖN SCHUYLKILL.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Bapt's.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Commended.	Dismissed.	Excommunicat'd.	Erasures.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	S. S. Scholars.	Stu. for Ministry.	Contribut's.		Min. of Synod.	Post Office Address.
		Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Beneficent Purposes.												Consecrat'l. Purposes.			
A. S. Leinbach, D.D., ...	Schwartzwald, ...	5	1895	895	164	1789	5	12	50	12	153	140	15	225	1980	10	45 North 4th street, Reading, Pa.			
C. F. McCauley, D.D., ...	2d Church, ...	1	660	310	30	4	25	18	500	4	12	12	12	66	776	2	5016	3107	15	Reading, do
T. B. Bauman, D.D., ...	St. Paul's Men, ...	1	760	300	60	4	35	10	600	10	10	14	14	66	444	2	8604	3739	13	222 North 6th street, Reading, do
H. A. Keyser, ...	St. Paul's, ...	1	767	550	80	35	27	625	10	10	14	14	1	54	600	2	1400	1800	12	222 North 6th street, Reading, do
Henry Leisse, ...	Bethany, ...	3	385	330	37	34	313	3	10	3	16	37	3	30	1007	1	85	90	8	Orwigburg, do
Henry Mosser, ...	1st Reformed, ...	1	1191	800	81	70	33	975	10	10	16	9	1	90	400	1	290	2300	14	Reading, do
John W. Steinmetz, ...	St. John's, ...	1	555	400	37	29	18	375	15	15	16	9	1	90	400	1	300	3300	16	911 Chestnut street, Reading, do
A. R. Bartholomew, ...	St. John's, ...	1	375	180	35	37	18	297	8	8	3	6	1	30	314	1	163	1200	8	5 North 6th street, Pottsville, do
J. J. Fisher, ...	Trinity, ...	1	250	150	20	40	10	203	4	4	3	4	1	20	175	1	163	1200	8	Tamaqua, do
J. J. Fisher, ...	Christ Church, ...	1	155	100	21	5	9	145	1	1	4	1	1	14	10	1	8	450	10	do do

* Church School, 472; Home Department, 102; John Ermentrout Mission, 122.

† Calvary Reformed Sunday School, 48 Teachers, 88 Scholars, 510 Contribution. St. Andrew's Sunday School, 16 Teachers, 194 Scholars, \$171 Contribution.

‡ Was dismissed to Mercersburg Classis. † Member of Lebanon Classis. ‡ Was dismissed to Lancaster Classis. E. Synod.

NOTE.—Lic. T. H. Boyer was received from Wyoming Classis. Rev. W. H. Sapp was received from St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburg Synod, without Charge.

NOTE.—All the Licentiates have been ordained and installed.

C. B. SCHNEIDER, Stated Clerk.

WYOMING CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregns.	Members.	Unconfm'd.	Bapt.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dism. Issued.	Excom'd.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Schol's.	Sta. for Min.	Benevol't Purposes.	Contributions.	M. of S.	Post Office Address.
Alfred Houtz, ...	Orangeville, ...	1	323	123	14	5	9	207	8	6	10	7	4	50	269	\$ 120 00	770 00	12	Orangeville, Columbia county, Pa.
Franklin K. Levan, ...	Wilkes-Barre, ...	1	463	415	45	31	37	315	6	22	10	2	1	25	125	108 00	1300 00	10	Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne county, do
Sebastian C. Meckel, ...	Plymouth, ...	1	127	150	46	3	12	3	9	9	1	2	1	12	71	65 00	435 00	4	Plymouth, Luzerne county, do
A. M. Maschoimer, ...	Weatherly, ...	2	370	235	81	30	43	300	30	1	1	2	1	25	300	105 00	1180 00	5	Weatherly, Carbon county, do
J. A. Peters, D. D., ...	Danville, ...	3	455	317	43	2	13	39	11	1	40	1	3	57	366	321 19	1824 00	30	Danville, Montour county, do
D. E. Schoedler, ...	Turbotville, ...	3	484	317	42	1	37	385	8	1	1	6	3	32	280	450 00	1452 00	30	Turbotville, Northumberland co., do
George L. Sorber, ...	Watsonville, ...	2	330	118	25	3	12	31	15	1	1	4	2	41	391	404 00	1717 00	14	Watsonville, Northumberland co., do
Jacob B. Kershner, ...	Conyngham, ...	4	727	450	46	1	39	5	7	10	20	4	1	35	350	245 57	1616 00	4	Conyngham, Northumberland co., do
E. D. Miller, ...	Freeland, ...	1	239	143	32	20	14	150	2	1	8	1	1	25	200	80 00	800 00	6	Freeland, Luzerne county, do
William T. Auman, ...	Bloomsburg, ...	1	161	59	4	4	9	146	2	1	1	1	1	19	168	140 00	1065 00	8	Bloomsburg, Columbia county, do
George W. Kershner, ...	Christ Church, ...	1	97	11	103	4	2	7	65	1	6	1	1	17	116	128 76	1860 14	10	Fayette, Seneca county, N. Y. do
Aaron Noll, ...	Hazleton, ...	1	145	103	17	9	6	108	2	6	1	1	1	13	90	8 00	890 00	6	Hazleton, Luzerne county, N. Y. do
John C. Glantz, ...	Nanticoke, ...	1	125	90	17	10	8	96	5	25	8	6	2	18	125	86 77	390 00	10	Nanticoke, Luzerne county, do
William G. Engle, ...	Emmanuel, ...	2	200	75	13	12	1	160	9	1	6	1	29	288	193 00	2168 64	9	Jerseytown, Columbia county, do	
D. W. Ebbert, ...	Milton, ...	1	334	114	12	12	15	282	14	11	15	2	1	17	132	143 08	468 64	10	Milton, Northumberland do., do
George H. Miller, ...	Overton, ...	3	181	97	10	8	34	5	4	1	1	2	40	360	1	153 00	1000 00	16	Dushore, Sullivan county, do
Vacant, ...	Wapwallopen, ...	4	358	226	42	1	1	304	4	1	3	3	1	1	1	25 00	70 00	4	Wapwallopen, Luzerne county, do
Vacant, ...	Wapwallopen, ...	4	358	226	42	1	1	304	4	1	3	3	1	1	1	25 00	70 00	4	Wapwallopen, Luzerne county, do
Alfred Houtz, ...	Brier Creek, ...	1	30	15	1	1	1	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25 00	70 00	4	Orangeville, Columbia county, do
Ministers, 16.	Charges, 17.	36	5149	2953	457	33	267	199	1414	134	86	164	33	458	3732	\$2785 39	\$30719 78	183	19

DAN'L E. SCHONDLER, Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, for 1890.

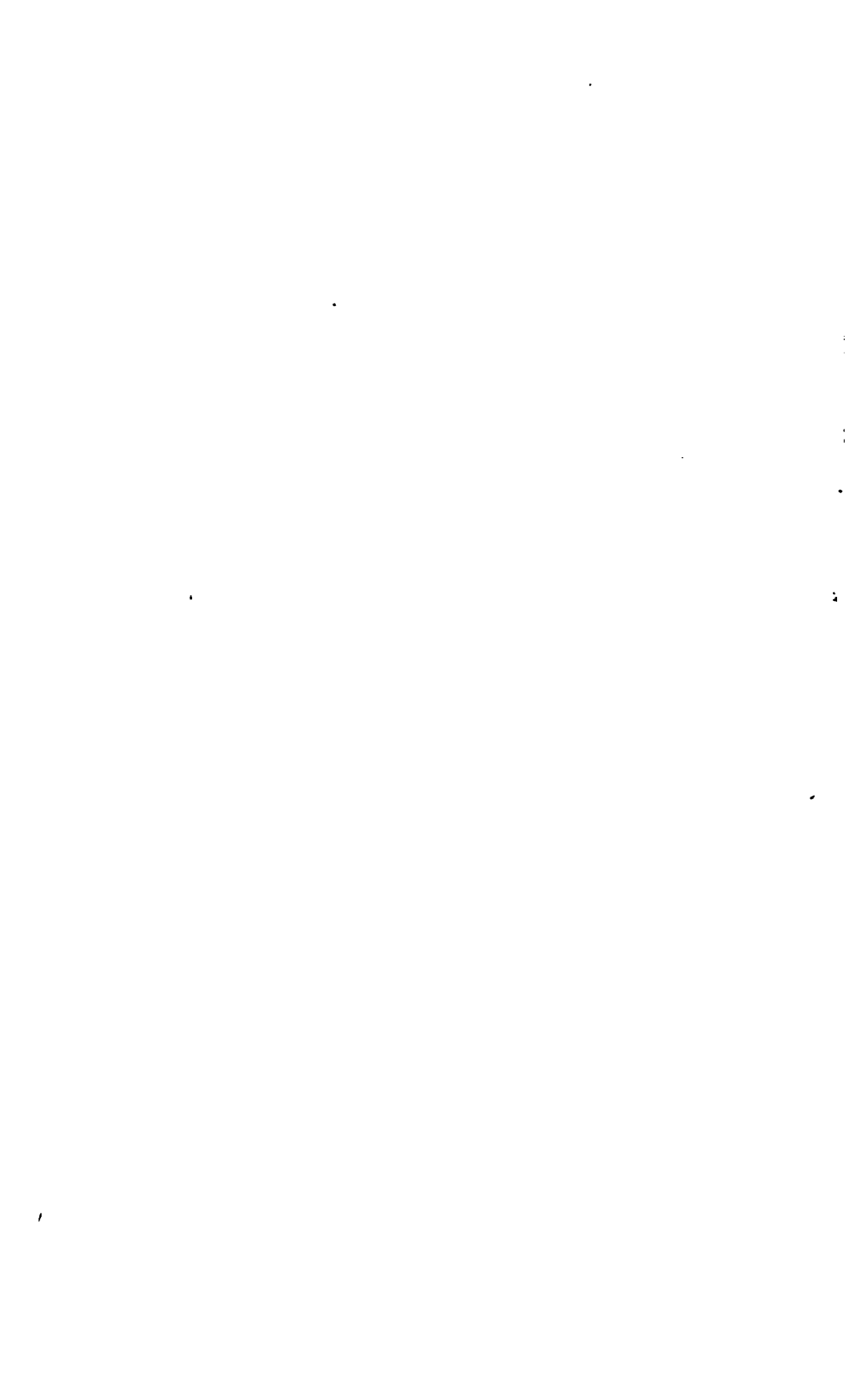
CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congrega- tions.	Members.	Uncon- firm'd.	Baptisms		Additions.		Com- muni- cated.	Dis- missed.	Excom- muni- cated.	Erased.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schol- ars.	Officers and Teachers.	Stu- dents for Min.	Contribution.		M. of Synod.
					Infants.	Adults.	Conf'd.	Certifi- cate										Purposes.	Purposes.	
East Pennsylvania, ...	33	49	10035	6627	601	24	439	188	7216	126	0	30	274	72	5701	483	11	\$ 9,634.00	\$ 32,450.00	253
Lebanon, ...	20	51	11079	7044	525	29	439	171	8483	126	1	20	268	71	6472	614	6	4,357.00	38,570.00	230
Philadelphia, ...	31	29	5525	1332	180	167	353	290	4428	137	0	11	82	31	5477	581	7	11,333.00	54,678.00	283
Lancaster, ...	31	39	5525	2591	277	123	338	128	4515	90	0	54	137	35	4253	592	4	4,117.00	21,216.00	200
East Susquehanna, ...	14	47	4747	3113	432	9	220	107	3960	58	2	91	103	43	3379	276	2	2,185.75	25,460.61	144
West Susquehanna, ...	18	58	4638	2618	284	14	211	144	3743	62	0	52	122	54	3793	3	8	3,412.00	20,260.00	241
Goshenhoppen, ...	12	29	7586	4555	480	32	266	133	6275	94	0	26	260	37	4206	527	13	4,206.00	29,548.00	209
Tohickon, ...	17	37	7513	3666	435	35	232	220	6234	75	0	112	229	53	4119	588	28	4,581.00	21,532.00	219
Lehigh, ...	28	51	11792	4500	891	10	516	289	8431	61	0	145	343	91	7759	547	28	12,918.72	21,665.00	352
Schuylkill, ...	26	41	11459	6720	897	35	804	397	9508	126	4	149	263	53	8676	1068	15	19,291.00	44,279.00	246
Wyoming, ...	16	36	5149	2953	457	33	267	199	4141	134	0	86	164	33	3732	458	6	2,785.39	20,719.78	202
Eastern Synod, ...	246	467	85099	45989	5378	511	4097	2125	66944	1071	7	846	2265	573	57477	5743	107	\$ 75,415.86	\$ 340,327.39	2587
Synod of Ohio, ...	115	231	19922	5354	621	430	1017	781	15846	377	8	804	311	197	17660	2205	33	33,234.00	82,416.00	37
Ger. Synod, N'th W't, ...	124	203	17811	1236	1760	39	1993	839	12807	185	39	304	454	178	10124	10124	31	13,585.00	96,590.00	37
Synod of Pittsburgh, ...	64	138	11876	8604	887	97	681	411	11315	105	0	217	281	101	8749	101	11	2,333.00	70,365.00	11
Synod of Potomac, ...	144	302	33599	20133	1806	350	1801	979	27383	395	3	204	743	281	24378	65	63	37,729.33	166,588.60	63
Ger. Synod of the East, ...	50	144	13215	8113	2179	14	813	649	10272	146	3	433	359	45	9458	800	10	8,286.00	90,410.00	10
Central Synod, ...	78	112	17488	10714	1130	48	810	641	12468	228	4	284	374	100	10709	10709	30	10,294.00	88,546.00	30
Synod of the Interior, ...	39	59	2762	1574	137	39	132	120	2132	64	4	71	39	58	2922	398	6	2,320.00	13,847.00	6
Total, 1890, 8 Synods, ...	886	1556	198352	113877	13907	1528	10358	6545	159402	3012	64	3163	4836	1547	14403	9076	301	\$205,195.19	\$849,199.90	301
do 1889, 8 do 56	836	1554	200498	112486	14605	1995	10759	6501	155118	3901	55	3117	5107	1513	138616	955	255	161,078.00	874,115.09	255

STATISTICAL CLERKS OF THE SYNOD.—1. Rev. John P. Stein, Millersville, Lancaster county, Pa. 2. Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamina, Ohio. Rev. J. J. Janett, Freeport, Illinois. 4. Rev. Jno. M. Schick, Greenville, Pa. 5. Rev. Wm. M. Deatrice, D. D. Mercersburg, Pa. 6. Rev. A. E. Dahman, Philadelphia, Pa. 7. Rev. John Bachman, Cincinnati, Ohio. 8. Rev. G. D. Gurley, Tipton, Iowa.

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